

Summary of June 2024 RSD17 Board of Education Meeting

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wihbey reported to the Board on the following items:

- The Finance department hosted quarterly grants meetings with Student Services and the Curriculum Coordinators. The grants are all on track with document spending plans.
- The Connecticut High School Coaches Association named HKHS Coach Mark Brookes the 2024 Baseball Coach of the Year.
- The 8th-graders spent three days in Philadelphia on their first major field trip since before 2020.
- The Intermediate School held its annual AAFA show.
- The Superintendent reported follow-up information from the High School administration on Magnet School Sports Program participation.

Year-End Forecast Report

Superintendent Wihbey reported that the district is projected to end the year under budget by approximately \$140K. The expenses assume a full 2% transfer to the capital reserve. He noted the largest change from the last forecast and provided details on the reported overages to the professional services account.

Educator and Leader Professional Growth and Support Plan

Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Miller presented the Educator and Leader Professional Growth and Support Plans for 2024/25. Ms. Miller discussed the process, guiding principles, changes from the current plan, and the components of the new plan. The plan was approved unanimously by the Board.

School Lunch Price Increases

The Food Services Program is expected to end FY24 with a net operating loss of about \$55,000 for reasons that included phasing out of State/Federal funding and incentives, no increases over five years, food/supply inflationary increases, and increased labor costs. The new pricing schedule for FY25 was discussed, noting a \$.25 increase for breakfast meals and a \$.75 increase for lunch meals. FY25 pricing for lunch meals is at or below the FY24 State of CT reimbursement rates paid to the Program for students receiving "free" lunches. Communication will go out to parents before the beginning of the school year.

Policies

The Board unanimously approved the following policies:

- 5141.21 Administration of Student Medications in the Schools
- 5141.5 Policy Regarding Suicide Prevention and Intervention
- 6149 Class Size Policy

The following were presented as items of Information:

- 5141.21 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Administration of Naloxone (Narcan)
- 5141.5 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Suicide Prevention and Intervention
- 6149 R Class Size Guidelines Administrative Regulation

Follow-Up to Master Planning

The Board engaged in a discussion regarding the Master Plan process for the campus configuration. The Board reviewed financial, layout, and structural aspects that would impact a decision between grades 7-12 vs grades 9-12 high school campuses.

The following points were discussed:

- Number of campuses
- Total Cost
- Overall value to the school district facility enhancement
- Civic support for the construct
- Other miscellaneous items
- Student experience/educational model and programming/grade structure and support

The Board discussed the need for additional information before a final decision is determined. It was agreed that the additional data and input would need to be collected and compiled for full Board analysis.

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<https://www.rsd17.org/district/board-of-education>.

All RSD17 Policies may be found at: [Policies & Resources - Regional School District 17 \(rsd17.org\)](https://www.rsd17.org/policies-resources)

Information on the Master Plan can be found at [Master Plan Project \(google.com\)](https://www.rsd17.org/master-plan).