

LNSU/LNMMUUSD Finance & Capital Committee Meeting  
November 25, 2024

Board members Present: Johnson: Mark Nielsen, Katie Audette; Waterville: Bart Bezio; Cambridge: Mark Stebbins, Susan Prescott; Hyde Park: Lisa Jones, Patti Hayford  
Administrators Present: Deborah Clark, Cole Hayes  
Minute Taker: Savannah Droney

**Call to order:** Stebbins called meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Nielsen made the motion to approve the agenda, Jones seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** No comment

**Discuss FY26 Budget Development – Possible Action, Possible Executive Session:**

Clark stated that nothing has changed since she sent out the documents. Cole has prepared his 10-year capital plan for technology, and it was attached to the invite. The only big update is that Johnson and Hyde Park finished their alignment work and reported on the associated possible position impacts. Additional funds from the surplus have been applied to decrease the overall spending to a 2% increase. There are no student numbers yet and there is no idea when these numbers will be released. There is a little concern regarding the Medicaid waivers. During COVID, children who were on Medicaid, even if families didn't qualify for Medicaid, the state was not going to ask families to change insurance. This is no longer happening.

Update for December 2. Was hoping for students to speak but there was not enough. Cat is going to present and then Clark is going to present a high-level explanation of the budget. Cat will share what is going on in the school district. There will be a round table. There will be questions, and the public will have the ability to ask questions. There is a nice dinner. The board meeting starts earlier next Tuesday and will be a minimum meeting. Stebbins asked how many members of the community are expected. Clark is unsure as there was not an RSVP. She is thinking 25 to 50 people. Bezio asked regarding what the classroom sizes will look like with the reduction of FTEs. Johnson is not combining classes yet. Hyde Park is possibly combining 5/6<sup>th</sup>. Hyde Park is looking at five positions. Johnson is looking at two positions. Nielsen asked if the positions that are being looked are positions that have not been filled. Clark indicated that they are not all currently vacant. Prescott asked if there will be a virtual option for the public on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. For the board meeting part only, there will be a virtual option. Jones asked the time of the board meeting. 5:00 pm for the board meeting, 6:00 pm for the community meeting. Thibault and Hayes will work on recording the community meeting.

**Other business:** No other business

Stebbins made motion to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. and Nielsen seconded. Unanimous vote.