

**MINUTES
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #120
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025, 4:15 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Merboth, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Matt Merboth, Committee Chair, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, and Mrs. Sally Taliani

ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent and Mrs. Jennifer Does, Business Manager

REVIEW/APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 11, 2025, COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the meeting minutes from February 11, 2025, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Dr. Wroblewski reported we are 66.7% through the fiscal year. He mentioned that transportation services are still down due to the state's pending payment for Special Education. Revenue (84.07%) and Expenditures (76.25%). Dr. Wroblewski reported that expenditures appear higher because the third quarter tort adjustment still needs to occur, and we are catching up from the frontloaded ESSER III expenditures in the fall. Mrs. Does reviewed the Cash and Investments as of February 28, 2025, Cash Flow Statement, ACH Transactions and Investment Accounts reflect current business. Nothing out of the ordinary.

BEVERAGE VENDOR REPLACEMENT PLAN

Dr. Wroblewski and Mrs. Does shared that the Coke contract expires July 31, 2025. We are exploring options to manage the beverage plan internally and not go out to bid. More information will be shared at next month's meeting.

2025-2026 FEE RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Wroblewski recommends a \$5.00 increase to the registration fee for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. We have not raised fees since 2016. The Chromebook warranty costs are included in the registration fee – those costs continue to increase. We project to increase revenue by \$3,180 over each of the next two years (for a total increase of \$6,360. Athletic participation fees also are recommended to have a \$5 increase beginning 2025-2026. This will cover the credit card transaction fee.

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the school fees increase as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

FY 2026 BUDGET UPDATES

CPPRT is expected to decrease another 10-15% in 2025-2026 – which will bring us to pre-COVID numbers. Dr. Wroblewski reported that mandated categoricals (regular education transportation, special education transportation, and private facility) will continue to be pro-rated in 2025-2026. However, EBF Funding (state aid) will get another \$350M allocation. Dr. Wroblewski expects L-P to maintain our Tier 2 level.

Finally, there has been no indication that our local EAV will decline – which will help backfill the CCPRT revenue loss.

FY 2026 STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs. Cushing, Dr. Gibson, Mrs. Does, and Dr. Wrobleski are meeting on March 13 to allocate FTE based on next year's registration numbers. If there are any staffing increase/decrease recommendations, Dr. Wrobleski will notify the committee prior to the regular Board meeting. Dr. Wrobleski did report having a recommendation to add a head girls' wrestling coach (Level II) and assistant girls' wrestling coach (Level IV) to the list of differentials. This will be presented as an MOU with the teacher's union.

SERIES 2025 UPDATE

ISBE has approved nearly all our HLS amendments associated with the Series 2025 bond sale. We are still waiting for the approval of L-P Sports Complex amendments. Unfortunately, three projects in the Main Building Amendment (5th street retaining wall, electrical system replacements, and ventilation replacement) were disallowed. This totals \$217,00 in work. Mr. Kmetz is working with ISBE to understand why they were disallowed. We intend to resubmit them later as separate amendments.

REQUEST TO LET BIDS: Bread, Milk, and Pizza

Dr. Wrobleski shared that he would like to get an earlier start on the bidding process for bread, milk, and pizza.

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve letting bids for bread, milk, and pizza as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

OTHER

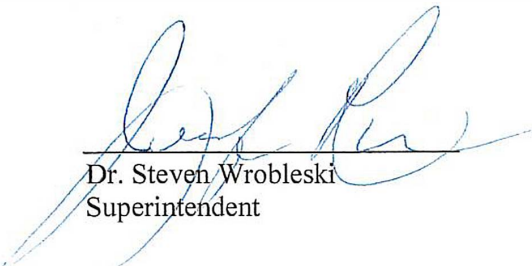
Dr. Wrobleski informed the committee that the District has purchased a three-year subscription to a program called SmartPass. This is an online system tracking student passes from classrooms and provides a schoolwide real-time monitoring system accessible by teachers, admin, and security. We believe this will significantly decrease the number of passes issued during classes and improve security by ensuring students that should not be in contact do not inadvertently end up in hallways unsupervised. Hallway security will have iPads showing them exactly who is in the hallway and which bathrooms they are expected to use. We intend to roll this out in 2025-2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried. Time 5:04 p.m.**



Mr. Matt Merboth
Committee Chair



Dr. Steven Wrobleski
Superintendent