

The New London Board of Education Finance and Audit Committee meeting was held in the New London Public Schools' Welcome Center and via Zoom Webinars.

1. Call to Order

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Ms. Maynard-Adams, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present for the Committee: Elaine Maynard-Adams - Committee Chair
Alisha Blake – Committee Member (*attended virtually*)
Susan Hambey – Committee Member

Present for the administration: Rob Funk, Chief Financial Officer

Due to a Board member attending virtually, all votes were taken by roll call.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. January 27, 2025

Motion by Ms. Blake, seconded by Ms. Hambey, to approve the January 27, 2025 minutes of the Finance & Audit Committee.

Motion carried, 3-0

4. Review Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Funk reviewed the Monthly Financial Report with the committee.

This report is available in its entirety upon request.

5. Approve Line Item Transfers Over \$25,000

Mr. Funk reviewed the transfers with the committee.

These reports are available in their entirety upon request.

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Ms. Hambey, to approve the Line Item Transfers.

Motion carried, 3-0

6. Discussion and Possible Action on the Requests of the Board of Finance

It was explained that the Board of Finance had submitted an expansive list of information that they would like to have provided to them. This includes a list of all staff, with their position names, salaries, and other qualifiers. Mr. Funk provided a sample of what might be appropriate to send which would satisfy this request. **(A copy of this document is available upon request.)** Ms. Maynard-Adams stated that years ago, the Board budget always had an addendum which outlined each employee and their base salary. At some point, this stopped being provided, though there have been conversations in the last few years to bring it back. She shared that she understands this can be uncomfortable for employees, but that it is public information. Ms. Blake shared that she understands that union contracts are published and public documents, and they include whatever the collectively bargained salaries are for the certified and non-certified positions. She asked if the bargaining units had been made aware of this request. Ms. Maynard-Adams also clarified that the City does currently do this as an addendum to their budget and lists every employee by name, department, and their base salary. Ms. Blake added that she wanted to ensure the unions were notified, and determine if a MoU would need to be created to do this. She stated that aside from the fact that she feels this is morally reprehensible, our employees may not have entered their contract with the understanding that this would be happening. Ms. Maynard-Adams acknowledged and appreciated her concerns, and confirmed that the unions had been made aware of the request. She also added that she plans to send a letter to the president of each union notifying them of this request and the decision made. Ms. Hambey shared that she had looked on the City website to find the level of information that they had provided. She also asked why the level of detail is needed, and added that she was hesitant to make a decision. Ms. Maynard-Adams suggested that she send a letter to Mr. McBride and the members sharing that they have sat through multiple hours of budget hearings and ask if this is still requested, or what purpose would it serve. She suggested that the next step would be to discuss the attorneys if there are any contractual issues or otherwise that they would need to be concerned with prior to the release, especially since there is also a request for educational attainment. The attorneys can share if there are any contractual or legal concerns prior to release. Ms. Blake and Ms. Hambey agreed with this suggestion.

7. Committee Member Comments

None.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Blake, seconded by Ms. Hambey, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 3-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristea A. Francolino
Manager of Executive Support Services