Committee: Finance

Date and Time: June 4, 2025

Location: J.E. Hill Administrative Center; Board Room A

In attendance:
Tamara Mitchell, Chair; Dr. Susan Harkin, Facilitator; Board Member Maria Opdycke; Brad Jones; John Brady; Kelly Farley; Kevin Jackson; Kevin Miller; Mary Ramatowski; Shane Carey; Shawn Connolly; Sonja Moulton; Svetlana Gayares; Thomas Weber

Meeting overview

6:02 p.m. - 6:05 p.m. - The Finance Subcommittee met in Board Room A. The meeting began with a welcome and "thank you" message from Superintendent Dr. Angel Turner. Dr. Turner expressed her gratitude to committee members for their commitment to the work at hand.

6:05 p.m. - 6:40 p.m. - Ms. Mitchell and Dr. Harkin collectively presented the information for the night. The discussion portion of the meeting covered the following topics: revisited the focus and goal of the subcommittee; reviewed the subcommittee's journey to date; recapped the May 21 scenario exercise focused on cutting $12.5M from the FY27 operating budget and identifying funding for $200M in capital needs; and reviewed expenditure reduction and revenue enhancement options.

6:40 p.m. - 7:20 p.m. - The Committee worked on a group activity that challenged them to determine feasibility of closing 4 schools while funding $189M in capital improvements. Participants evaluated:

- Which schools to close based on enrollment, utilization, and capital costs.
- Impacts on remaining capital needs.
- Pros/cons, risks, and gaps in data needed for informed decisions.

Data sources provided included enrollment data (live and projected), building square footage, capital improvement costs per school as well as general maintenance costs per school. This activity was not meant to set or weight criteria; that is the work of the Facilities

Subcommittee. The activity was to determine feasibility of school closure based on the data inputs given. **As a reminder, no decisions have been made regarding school closures/consolidations.**

7:20 p.m. - 7:35 p.m. - Each small group presented:

- Selected school closures and rationale (e.g., underutilization, high cost per pupil).
- Financial and logistical impact on capital needs.
- Identified uncertainties including community impact, transportation implications, and program relocation logistics.

7:35 p.m. - 8:02 p.m. - The full Steering Committee convened. Once gathered, each subcommittee's spokesperson shared outcomes for the evening and presented data requests to the other subcommittees.

8:02 p.m. - Meeting adjourned.