Winona Area Public Schools
Finance Committee
8/14/2025 Minutes
3:30 p.m. in person
District Office Conference Room

Members Present: *Nancy Denzer, Pete Watkins, Sarah Slaby*

Members Absent: *Karl Sonneman, Brad Berzinski*

Others Present: *Jennifer Walters, Wendy Harward*

Call to Order/Welcome
Welcome & Attendance (called to order at 3:30 pm)

IXL Contract
●An agreement related to the use of IXL for reading support for the 2025-2026 school year was discussed and recommended for approval by the School Board.

Goal Book Contract
● A three year contract renewal with Goal Book related to goal setting for student growth in the special education program was discussed. Given the expiration of the funding source (capital projects levy for technology) prior to the end of the three year term of the presented contract, administration will work with the vendor to secure a shorter term contract prior to taking the agreement to the School Board for approval.

Region 10 Mentoring Sub-Award Agreement
● An agreement related to grant revenue made available for mentoring needs specific to special education staff was discussed and recommended for approval by the School Board.

RFP Joint Powers Agreement
● A joint powers agreement with Bluffview-Montessori School whereby Bluffview would be able to use the food prime vendor for food was presented to the Finance Committee. Just prior to the meeting, the administration of Bluffview informed the district that they are not able to enter into a "joint powers agreement". Instead, the possibility of entering into a "cooperative" is going to be researched. Having such an agreement in place would increase the purchasing power of Winona Area Public Schools given the increase in volume and would prevent Bluffview from needing to go through the full bidding process.

St. Mary's Cross Country Facility Use
● An agreement related to the use of cross country trails at St. Mary's University was discussed and recommended for approval by the School Board.

Winona Health Athletic Training (Amended)
● The School Board approved an agreement with Winona Health at the June 17th meeting. However, Director Indra was able to renegotiate the agreement with a four year term and decrease the 2025-2026 obligation for athletic trainer services from $20,000 to $15,000. The amended agreement was discussed and recommended for approval by the School Board.

Federal School Nutrition Rates

● The Finance Committee was provided with information on the newly released federal meal reimbursement rates. In comparison to the rates which were used for the preliminary 2025-2026 budget, the newly released rates will provide an estimated additional $144,000 of revenue for the School Nutrition Fund (02). This means the fund is no longer expected to run at a deficit for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This agenda item was informational only and no School Board approval is required.

GeoThermal Subcontracts

● The following subcontracts were recommended for approval by the board:
- ➔ none

● An updated subcontract log was provided for information purposes and will be included on the consent agenda for the board.

● A schedule of remaining funds was also provided for information purposes and will be included in the consent agenda for the board.

Review Meeting Minutes

● Meeting minutes for the 7/14/2025 Finance Committee meeting were reviewed and recommended for board approval.

Review of the Consent Agenda Items

● The consent agenda for the next board meeting was brought to the Committee for review.
- ➔ Payment Register (summary and detail)
  - ◆ Document reflects July 2025, recommended to move on to the consent agenda
- ➔ Consent Agenda
  - ◆ Document reflects July 2025, recommended to move on to the board consent agenda
- ➔ 2025 Budget Analysis (as of 7/31/2025) recommended to move on to consent agenda
  - ◆ 2025 General Fund revenues as of 7/31/2025 are at 90.60% of budget with several receivables to record prior to audit
  - ◆ 2025 General Fund expenditures as of 7/31/2025 are at 98.86% of budget
- ➔ 2026 Budget Analysis (as of 7/31/2025) recommended to move on to consent agenda
  - ◆ 2026 General Fund revenues as of 7/31/2025 are at 0.45% of budget
  - ◆ 2026 General Fund expenditures as of 7/31/2025 are at 5.73% of budget

Cash Flow Data

● Cash balance data as of 7/31/2025 was provided for committee members and was forwarded on with the monthly consent agenda to the board.

Adjournment

● Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.