

BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
PALOS COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 118
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
8800 WEST 119TH STREET
PALOS PARK, ILLINOIS

November 4, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Vice President Mike Pizur called the Finance Committee Meeting of November 4, 2025, to order at 6 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL.** Members Present: Pam Paris, President; Mike Pizur, Vice President, and Committee Chair; Susan Szafranski, Secretary; Dr. Tim Baker, Dan Cox, Jennifer Jensen, Kevin Quinn. Others Present: Dr. Anthony Scarsella, Superintendent of Schools; Justin Veihman, Chief School Business Official; Members Absent: None
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.** There were no public comments on agenda items.
5. **Discussion Items.**
 - 5.1. **2025 Tentative Levy.** Mr. Veihman presented the tentative levy to the committee. He reported the CPI for the 2025 Levy is 2.9% and recommended a balloon levy to accommodate the 2.9% CPI and any new property in the school district. Mr. Veihman also recommended the Board schedule a public hearing on the proposed levy for December 9, 2025.
 - 5.2. **Financial Projection and Capital Projects Planning.** Mr. Veihman shared with the Committee updated financial projections, which included balanced budgets for the next five years. Mr. Veihman also recommended \$2.5 million in capital improvements for the upcoming summer. Projects include the completion of classroom renovations at Palos East and Palos West, and a new roof for the boardroom at Central Administration as well as bathroom renovations.
 - 5.3. **School Project Maintenance Grant.** Mr. Veihman asked for permission to apply for a School Maintenance Grant through ISBE.
 - 5.4. **Bus Lease.** Mr. Veihman presented the 2026-2027 school bus lease recommendation for next school year, which includes the lease-purchase of (5) 2027 model year 72-passenger buses and (1) 2027 model year 36-passenger bus.
 - 5.5. **Substitute Shortage.** Dr. Scarsella and Mr. Veihman discussed with the Committee a recommendation for changes in the pay structure for substitutes.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.** There were no public comments on non-agenda items.
7. **CLOSED SESSION.** Motion to by Mrs. Szafranski and seconded by Mrs. Paris for the committee to go into closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity and the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. The roll call vote was, Aye votes: Mrs. Paris, Mr. Pizur, Mrs. Szafranski, Dr. Baker, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Jensen, Mr. Quinn. Nay votes: None. The motion passed and the board went into closed session at 6:40 p.m.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Baker and seconded by Mrs. Szafranski that the Finance Committee adjourn the meeting. The roll call vote was, Aye votes: Mrs. Paris, Mr. Pizur, Mrs. Szafranski, Dr. Baker, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Jensen, Mr. Quinn. Nay votes: None. The motion passed and the board went into closed session at 7:07 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education