

ANSONIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

PLACE: Meeting held at Mead School Cafeteria, 75 Ford Street, Ansonia, CT 06401

DATE: February 11, 2026 **TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Dr. Adamowski

I. OPENING

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call – Dr. Adamowski called a quorum.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
DR. STEVEN ADAMOWSKI	X		
MR. RICH BSHARA	X		
MS. BETH LABERGE	X		
TOTAL	3		

Superintendent DiBacco, Assistant Superintendent Steve Bergin, and Finance Director Erich Marriott were also in attendance.

II. Review of necessary account transfers (2025-26 Operating Budget) as recommended by the Superintendent & Business Administrator.

Mr. Erich Marriott gave detailed background about the current budget, as well as prior obstacles before he joined this district. He told the Finance Committee about problems arising after COVID and continue today. He talked about plans the district has for the future to ensure the best possible outcome for the town and our district. Mr. Marriott showed all financial records and explained the purpose of necessary transfers. He talked about some funding that is consistently held up at the State level, making it impossible to have every line item perfected. He explained there are non-stop exceptions occurring within the district that will cause transfers to be necessary. Many of the exceptions were discussed in detail. Some of the major topics were students with high needs entering the district mid-year, transportation costs rising due to the contract details, as well as replacement of expansive but outdated mechanical equipment or building damage. Mr. Marriott said since he will be overseeing this new budget from the very beginning, he anticipates less problems or exceptions arising.

III. Preliminary discussion of possible need for a contingency plan for the 2026-27 Budget.

Discussion continued regarding the 2026-27 budget and all parties agreed a good plan is to get all requests in early and have a clear view of funds and allocations that are necessary if the city would ever have to give back from the overage fund.

IV. Public Comments

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

V. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
DR. STEVEN ADAMOWSKI		X		
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MS. BETH LABERGE	X	X		
TOTAL		3		

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson

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Recording Secretary
Date: 2/25/2026