

Parma City School District Board of Education Committee
Meeting Report

Committee Name: Finance

Committee Meeting Date: 1/22/26

Committee Members in Attendance: Nick Reyes, Amy Cruse, Sean Nuccio, Amy Popik, Scott Hunt, Brittany Kurpik

Author of Report: Nick Reyes

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Committee Purpose, Responsibilities, Key Objectives	
Purpose of Committee	To provide guidance for the school district health while ensuring fiscal responsibility and transparency.
Responsibilities	Fiscal Reporting, analysis and cash management
Key Objectives	Act as an advisory panel to the Board, analyzing financial trends, and ensuring proper allocation of resources to support student learning.

Progress <i>Updates since last report</i>	
I.	Insurance report – First positive month of for fiscal year 2026 due to stop-loss reimbursement payments. The district purchases stop-loss insurance coverage for medical claims greater than \$200,000 per claim. This protects the district from financial hardship due to catastrophic claims.
II.	The General Fund balance in December 2024 was \$51 million compared to the General Fund balance at December 31, 2025 which was \$52 million. The current unencumbered balance (available with no restrictions) is \$40 million. We received a property tax advance payment on January 15, 2026. We expect additional property tax payments on February 15, 2026 and March 15, 2026.
III.	The permanent improvement fund (003) has an unencumbered balance of \$1.9 million. The permanent improvement fund can only be used for capital item with a life span of at least five year. We receive approximately \$5.7 million

annually in property tax payments. The fund cannot pay for salaries or benefits.

- IV. The food service fund (006) receives funding from the state and federal governments to provide nutritious meals to students. Currently, the district is part of the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) where all students receive free breakfast and lunch regardless of family income. The goal of the program is to increase students' ability to learn by attempting to eliminate hunger. The district has made a three-year commitment to the program. We will continue to review the finances to determine if the program is fiscally responsible.
- V. Taylor Oswald provided a new contract due to business name change. Taylor Oswald assists the district with our workers compensation program. Our annual cost is \$40,000 which is paid from the district self-insurance workers compensation fund (027).
- VI. The five-year forecast shows an ending-balance deficit of \$14 million in fiscal year 2029 and a \$43 million deficit in fiscal year 2030. House Bill 129 is expected to cause a \$7.2 million hit to the district's finances. The bill counts the millage on our three emergency levies towards the 20-mill floor.
- VII. In calendar year 2025, the county overpaid the district by \$11.7 million in property tax revenue from our three emergency levies. As property values increased, the emergency levies' millage was supposed to decrease due to their inverse relationship. However, the county kept the emergency levies' millage constant while property values increased with the property value reassessment. The district discovered the error and informed the county of their error. We worked out an agreement in spring 2025 to repay the county over a three-year period. The agreement and the new rates were approved by the budget commission in December 2025. The 2025 combined calendar-year emergency levies' millage dropped from 16.1 mills to 11.94 mills, collecting less property taxes. The approved agreement is reflected in the revised five-year forecast.
- VIII. The committee discussed having a work session in February 2026 to discuss our plan of not collecting the full amounts on our three emergency levies. This work session can be open for public comment if the Board of Education so wishes. We will present options that are included in our three-pronged approach which includes the school district income tax (SDIT) and future reductions. Legal counsel has previously recommended that the Board of

- Education pass a resolution outlining the emergency levy collections plan.
- IX. The district has explored numerous health-care consortiums to mitigate our medical, dental and vision insurance claim expenditures. The Great Lakes Council of Governments (COG) seems to be the best fit for the district. We do not have to change our insurance plans. The district would have local control of our insurance plans. The COG would provide savings through their stop-loss coverage and prescription plans due to their purchasing power through their size. We planned on discussing a final decision with the insurance committee on January 27, 2026, but due to a calamity day, the meeting was postponed. The Great Lakes COG has officially been accepted the district. If the insurance committee wants to move forward, we would need Board of Education approval for the move.

New Business
I.
II.
III.

Action Items/ Next Steps/ Recommendations
I. Setup work session to discuss ballot issue to include community input
II.
III.

Next Meeting Information

The next Committee meeting will be held on February 23, 2026 at 9am Arlington Conference Room 7.