

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Finance Committee of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Location: Long Hill – Ellie’s Room

Attendees:

- **Committee Members:** Julia McNamee (Chair), Chris Bandecchi (virtual)
- **Staff:** Alison Pierce
- **Other(s):** Vicki Tesoro (virtual), Rebecca Lopez (virtual), Mary Isaac (virtual)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 5, 2026 meeting were approved 2-0 (Motion: Mr. Bandecchi; Second: Ms. McNamee).

Review of FY26 Financial Statements for the month ending April 30, 2026

As of Period 10 (83.33%) of FY26, the General Fund budget of \$129.2 million is overcommitted, with expenditures and encumbrances exceeding appropriations by \$159,492. This represents a \$552,516 decline from the prior month, driven primarily by projected facilities and special education costs.

As the district enters the fourth quarter, all object codes have experienced reductions in available balances. The district will continue maximizing all eligible funding sources, closely monitoring expenditures, reviewing open encumbrances, and implementing fiscal controls to minimize the projected deficit.

If current spending trends continue through the year-end, the district may need to use available non-lapsing account funds to offset the shortfall. The non-lapsing account balance is currently \$345,453, with \$260,000 already appropriated in the FY27 adopted budget, leaving approximately \$85,453 available to address any FY26 year-end deficit.

Discussion was held regarding various accounts within the General Fund budget.

Ms. McNamee asked Ms. Pierce to provide additional information on account 01052130-53305 (Service Contracts – PPS). Discussion indicated that the budget overage is primarily due to the inability to fill vacancies with direct hire staff, resulting in the need to secure personnel through professional service providers. Ms. Pierce also explained that we currently have several employees out on paid leave that are replaced with higher-cost contracted staff.

A detailed discussion was held on all other funds, including the beginning-of-year budget, year-to-date expenditures, encumbrances, and available balances for each fund.

Motion to approve the financial reports as of April 30, 2026 and forward to the Board of Education: Mr. Bandecchi; Second: Ms. McNamee. Motion passed 2-0.

The Committee welcomed new Transportation Manager Ms. Kirsten Burgos and Director of Operations Mr. Kevin Dion to discuss transportation operations and bus routes. Members discussed the importance of proactive communication with families, including a summer letter introducing Ms. Burgos and providing transportation contact information, assistance with the bus app, and other pertinent information.

A routing efficiency was identified and the district was able to reduce six buses due to enhanced and effective routing. This is anticipated to yield approximately \$20,000 in savings to the district.

The Committee also discussed the challenges associated with the current two-tier transportation system. Ms. McNamee suggested forming a committee of parents, staff, town officials, and Board of Education members to evaluate potential efficiencies and impacts of a three-tier bus system.

Adjournment: Mr. Bandecchi; Second: Ms. McNamee. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Pierce