

**MINUTES
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #120
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2026, 4:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Matt Merboth, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:32p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Matt Merboth, Committee Chair and Mrs. Sally Taliani

ABSENT: Mrs. Carol Alcorn

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Interim Superintendent, Mrs. Lori Whalen, Business Manager, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

REVIEW/APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 14, 2026, COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the meeting minutes from April 14, 2026, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Mrs. Whalen stated that financials will be shared with the committee prior to the Board meeting as she has been preparing the tentative amended FY26 budget.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE TENTATIVE AMENDED FY 2026 BUDGET

Mrs. Whalen presented the tentative amended FY26 budget to the committee, noting that expenditures cannot exceed appropriations and fund balances must remain non-negative. She reviewed updated revenue and expenditure projections and is completing a forecast to align revenues and identified fund transfers, which will require Board resolutions in June. A comparison to the original budget highlighted a significant variance in the operating funds.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE TENTATIVE AMENDED FY 2026 BUDGET

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to Accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the Tentative Amended FY2026 Budget, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried**

AG BUILDING DONATIONS

Mrs. Cushing updated the committee that Mr. Baker, Mr. Hintzsche and students have had positive conversations with community members as they continue to seek donations. She also recommended the establishment of an Ag Activity fund account for fiscal management.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE TO ESTABLISH AN AG ACTIVITY ACCOUNT

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to Accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the establishment of an Ag Activity account, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried**

BID RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE

Discussion was held regarding the approval process for the HLS amendment related to the East Gym Pool Resurfacing and Main Drain Repair project.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE ATHLETIC TRAINER CONTRACT

Mrs. Cushing presented the recommended Athletic Trainer contract with City Center for the 2026-2027 school year.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE ATHLETIC TRAINER CONTRACT

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Matt Merboth, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the Athletic Trainer contract, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE SRO CONTRACT

Mrs. Cushing reviewed and recommended approval of the finalized School Resource Officer Program contract with the committee. Under the updated agreement, L-P will cover salary, benefits, and a special events package, eliminating the need to submit paperwork after each event. The number of events remains unchanged.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE TO APPROVE THE SRO CONTRACT

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the SRO contract, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

RECOMMENDATION TO NAME POOL IN HONOR OF COACH ROB McNALLY

Mr. Cushing shared that students have formally requested that the Board of Education consider naming the East Building Pool in honor of Coach Rob McNally, recognizing his contributions and impact on the swimming program and school community. A resolution regarding this request will be presented at the May regular Board meeting.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE TO NAME TO THE POOL IN HONOR OF COACH ROB McNALLY

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve to name the pool in honor of Coach Rob McNally, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

FORENSIC AUDIT

Mrs. Cushing and Mrs. Whalen shared that the audit is progressing and interviews are nearing completion. Once all information has been reviewed, they will reach out if any specific details are needed.

OTHER

Mrs. Cushing recommended creating a new Activity account to separate boys' and girls' bowling camp funds as each team has their own coach who engages in different activities with their teams.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE TO ESTABLISH A NEW ACTIVITY FOR GIRLS' BOWLING

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to create a new activity account for girls' bowling, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

Mrs. Cushing recommended authorizing the Business Office to make monthly mid-month payments on the Walmart credit card, not to exceed \$500. Due to timing between Board meetings, there are occasionally gaps longer than 30 days that delay check processing. This authorization would allow an additional payment when needed and such payment will be reported at the next Board meeting.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE TO AUTHORIZE THE BUSINESS OFFICE TO MAKE MID-MONTH PAYMENTS ON WALMART CREDIT CARD

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve to authorize the Business Office to make mid-month payments on the Walmart credit card, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried. Time 4:48 p.m.**



Mr. Matt Merboth
Committee Chair



Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary