REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
FINANCE COMMITTEE
July 15, 2026
Central Office Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 15, 2026

Members: Melanie Wilhelm, Susan Laone, Matt Cummings, Scott Savelle, Fran Thompson,

Absent: Tom Fausel, Scott Ragaglia, Vicki Basile

I. Call to order at 6:35 pm

II. Approval of March 9, 2026 minutes. Motion by Scott Savelle, 2nd by Melanie Wilhelm. 2 were in favor and 1 abstained.

III. Business meeting:

The Subcommittee received a presentation from representatives of Energia, Inc., an energy consulting and owner's representative firm specializing in Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) solutions for public and private organizations.

Energia explained its role as an Owner's Representative, assisting organizations in identifying, developing, and implementing energy-efficiency and infrastructure improvement projects. The company emphasized that projects are typically financed through the energy savings generated by the improvements, reducing or eliminating the need for significant upfront capital expenditures.

Representatives provided an overview of the firm's services, which include:

- Energy Engineering and Design
- Energy Management Consulting
- Energy Master Planning
- Energy Performance Contracting

The presentation outlined Energia's involvement throughout the EPC process, including project development, review of Requests for Proposals (RFPs), contract negotiations, construction oversight, and post-project measurement and verification of energy savings. Energia stated that its Energy Savings Engineers work to negotiate guaranteed savings and ensure projects are completed on schedule and in accordance with performance expectations.

Examples of energy conservation measures commonly included in EPC projects were discussed, including:

- Solar systems

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- High-efficiency boilers and HVAC system upgrades
- Interior and exterior lighting improvements
- Combined Heat and Power (CHP) systems
- Energy management and building control systems
- Other energy infrastructure upgrades

Energia highlighted several potential benefits of the EPC model, including:

- Limited or no upfront capital investment for eligible projects
- Guaranteed energy savings through performance-based contracts
- Comprehensive technical and financial advisory services
- Single-point project oversight from planning through implementation
- Ongoing monitoring to help ensure projected savings are achieved

The committee asked for a list of references and a comprehensive list of projects they have worked on. The subcommittee's will convene in the fall to review the reference checks and discuss further action with the full Board.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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