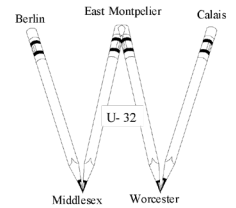


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WCUUSD Finance Committee Meeting 4.14.26 8:30-9:30 AM Central Office 1130 Gallison Hill Rd. Montpelier, VT

Present: Chris McVeigh, Daniel Keeney, Ursula Stanley, Superintendent Dellinger-Pate, Flor Diaz Smith, Susanne Gann, Zach Sullivan

Ursula Stanley moved that Flor Diaz Smith continue as chair of the Finance Committee. Seconded by Dan Keeney, this motion carried unanimously.

- 1. Call to Order:** Stephen Dellinger-Pate called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
- 2. Approve Minutes of 2.10.26:** Chris McVeigh moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2026. Seconded by Ursula Stanley, this motion carried unanimously.

3. Informational Reports

3.1. Monthly Reflections: Susanne Gann had provided a *Monthly Reflections memo*, dated April 10, 2026. She provided a quick overview. Daniel Keeney asked for more specifics about RIF notices. Susanne can get that information. Daniel would like to have that information to share with the whole board. He asked, with a new project manager, what are we vulnerable to losing? Susanne Gann stated that Bill had a great deal of institutional knowledge. She noted though that Chris O'Brien has worked alongside Bill on projects for the past five years. She spoke positively about Andrew LaRosa and the transition process that is in place. Chris McVeigh asked for what is the line of authority between the positions. Susanne Gann stated that the project manager position reports to Chris O'Brien. Chris McVeigh asked for more information on Susanne's statement about "tightening up the bid process." She described in greater detail the steps in the bidding process. Zach Sullivan stated that it would be useful to have both information - how many RIF notices are provided, versus how many people are moving within the district and how many are leaving the district. Zach Sullivan wondered if we changed the bidding process that might allow for a wider field for bidding. Susanne Gann stated that she can bring more information to the team to consider this. Some discussion followed around pre-qualifications and background checks and the unique nature of working on school projects. Dan Keeney clarified that the second meeting in May is when the Capital Plan will come to the board (Finance Committee meeting in May is when the committee will consider this.)

4. Discussion/Action

4.1. FY 26 Quarterly Financial Update: Susanne Gann had provided a slide deck: FY26 Quarterly Financial Report, April 14, 2026. Dan Keeney stated that it will be important to let the community know that our spending might exceed our operating budget due to lots of circumstances, and we might have to tap the fund balance. Daniel expressed concerns about authorization of ordering supplies when necessary, when building administrators might not have institutional memory. Some discussion followed around supplies and budget cuts and a need to take a closer look at the process. Some discussion followed around reserve funds for districts, and some possible changes in the rules/ legislation. Susanne Gann shared that she and Superintendent Dellinger-Pate are serving on committees at the state level and she believes it is an important aspect of having a voice in the conversation.

5. Future Agenda Items: Steven Dellinger-Pate suggested smaller budget trainings throughout the year to help people understand some of the budgeting concepts such as long term weighted ADM. Zach Sullivan stated that it is important to not be “too simple” when we are trying to communicate these budget development factors. Chris McVeigh stated that we need to communicate that central office budget is largely shared over the district and directly affects students.

6. Next Regular Meeting: May 12, 2026

7. Adjourn: Zach Sullivan moved to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. This motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Grace, Committee Recording Secretary