



LINCOLNWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 74
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 21, 2023 at **6:30 PM**

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Dr. Dominick M. Lupo, *Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction*
Courtney Whited, *Business Manager/CSBO*

*Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of Lincolnwood School District 74,
Cook County, Illinois, was held in the Marvin Garlich Administration Building
6950 N. East Prairie Road, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712, on Thursday, September 21, 2023.*

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Theodore called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Peter D. Theodore (BOE), Chair
Jay Oleniczak (BOE), Co-Chair
John P. Vranas (BOE)
Steven Pawlow, Community Member

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Michael Bartholomew, Community Member
Maja Kenjar, Community Member
Paul Stellatos, Community Member

ADMINISTRATORS/STAFF

Dr. David L. Russo, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Dominick M. Lupo, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Courtney Whited, Business Manager/CSBO

2. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Tina Vanderwarker, Executive Director, Early Childhood Alliance

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes - **AUGUST 24, 2023**

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2023, Finance Committee meeting.

4. FUND BALANCE REPORT

a. Fund Balance Report - **JULY 2023**

Courtney Whited, Business Manager/CSBO, presented the Fund Balance Report for July 2023.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution Regarding IDOT Hazardous Transportation Routes

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Finance Committee concurs with the Administration to

recommend to the Board of Education to adopt the Resolution regarding IDOT Hazardous Transportation Routes as presented.

b. Early Childhood Alliance

Dr. David L. Russo, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Tina Vanderwarker, Executive Director, Early Childhood Alliance (ECA). David explained the history and funding of the ECA. The goal of the organization is to connect families with appropriate support systems and information for all early childhood aged children. Tina gave a presentation to the Committee. Tina expressed that more than 64% of children who receive free and reduced lunch were not on track developmentally as they entered kindergarten based on Kids Assessment Data. The Committee asked for transparency in their finances, and structure of their governance board. Information about both these are critical moving forward. The Committee supported the District seeking a partnership with the Early Childhood Alliance.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Finance Committee concurs with the Administration to recommend to the Board of Education becoming a partner organization of the Early Childhood Alliance.

c. Strategic Plan Process Proposal

Dr. David L. Russo, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Strategic Plan Process Proposal. The current Strategic plan is set to expire this year. The Administration is recommending Educational Leadership Solutions (ELS). ELS has staff familiar with the Township and has recently worked successfully with two neighboring districts on their Strategic Planning Process.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Finance Committee concurs with the Administration to recommend to the Board of Education to approve the Strategic Planning Process Proposal from Educational Leadership Solutions in the amount of \$13,900.

d. Stop the Bleed Kits

Dr. David L. Russo, Superintendent of Schools, explained that the District has been doing extensive safety training and crisis planning, including table top exercises with the Administration. One of the recommendations from the safety group was that as many of our staff members undergo Stop the Bleed training, and also that our classrooms have Stop the Bleed kits. David explained that the District will be able to use the remaining \$13,000 from ESSER III funds to subsidize the cost of these kits.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Finance Committee concurs with the Administration to recommend to the Board of Education to approve this quote from School Health Corporation for Stop the Bleed kits in the amount of \$20,461.

7. District Purchasing Update(s) - *Dr. David L. Russo, Dr. Dominick M. Lupo, Jordan Stephen*

- a. Zoom Renewal for 2023-2024
- b. Proquest/CultureGrams Renewal for 2023-2024
- c. Scholastic BookFlix Renewal for 2023-2024
- d. Heartland Business Systems Renewals for 2023-2024
- e. Lincoln Hall Musical - Northlight Theatre Artistic Staffing
- f. Explore Learning | Gizmos

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting. The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

Peter D. Theodore, Chair

Jay Oleniczak, Co-chair