

May 22, 2025 Board Meeting  
Board Members’ Questions and Staff Responses regarding BoardBook materials

(LTFM One91)

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<p>Please elaborate on the shift from approximate \$2.19 mil LTFM to \$4.9 mil annually.</p> <p>What tax implications are there for PAY26? And beyond?</p>	<p>This upcoming year over last year will be an increase of \$20,000 in health and safety funding, which is reflected in the LTFM. The LTFM total amount is flat over last year and shouldn't have an impact on the local levy tax. Indeed, even with the LTFM adjustment this fall, the local levy amounts still decreased by over 4.4% from the previous year. Also, as a part of the budget proposal, we are offsetting some of the operations cost with eligible LTFM monies.</p> <table><tr><th></th><th>Health and Safety</th><th>LTFM</th><th>Total</th><th>Levy (+/-)</th></tr><tr><td>2026-2027</td><td>\$ 600,000</td><td>\$ 4,300,000</td><td>\$ 4,900,000.00</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>2025-2026</td><td>\$ 582,392</td><td>\$ 4,300,000</td><td>\$ 4,882,392.00</td><td>-4.360%</td></tr><tr><td>2024-2025</td><td>\$ 418,876</td><td>\$ 2,115,958</td><td>\$ 2,534,834.00</td><td>4.010%</td></tr><tr><td>2023-2024</td><td>\$ 418,867</td><td>\$ 4,131,119</td><td>\$ 4,549,986.00</td><td>18.530%</td></tr><tr><td>2022-2023</td><td>\$ 399,876</td><td>\$ 2,133,072</td><td>\$ 2,532,948.00</td><td>-6.150%</td></tr></table> <p>It should also be noted that a part of the \$100 million capacity for building improvements that Elhers alluded to was LTFM adjustments backfilling bond savings and repayments. With the decrease in the latest bond refinance, it should create opportunities for the district to maintain its levy level and generate additional revenue for some of these projects.</p>		Health and Safety	LTFM	Total	Levy (+/-)	2026-2027	\$ 600,000	\$ 4,300,000	\$ 4,900,000.00		2025-2026	\$ 582,392	\$ 4,300,000	\$ 4,882,392.00	-4.360%	2024-2025	\$ 418,876	\$ 2,115,958	\$ 2,534,834.00	4.010%	2023-2024	\$ 418,867	\$ 4,131,119	\$ 4,549,986.00	18.530%	2022-2023	\$ 399,876	\$ 2,133,072	\$ 2,532,948.00	-6.150%
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<p>Please elaborate on the shift in focus at NMS from \$1.0 mil in mechanical and plumbing updates to \$1.3 m reroofing.</p>	<p>Fortunately, the roofing membrane and structure at Nicollet Middle School remains in good condition, allowing us to defer its replacement by a couple of years. Roofing—like boiler systems—represents a significant portion of our annual long-term facilities maintenance budget. We strive to time these projects appropriately to ensure responsible stewardship of the financial resources entrusted to us.</p> <p>In place of the roof replacement, our updated priority is mechanical and plumbing upgrades in the square building at Nicollet. This area houses the core infrastructure for all primary mechanical systems throughout the school. Our Operations team has already committed substantial resources to repairing this critical system. Over the past year, we engaged contractors to assess its condition, and their recommendations confirmed that a major overhaul is</p>																														

	needed to sustain the reliable service essential to daily school operations.

(Athletic and Activity Fees)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Activities, we have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 activities whose increase is rounded down from the actual 15% value</li> <li>11 activities whose actual value was rounded up from the 15% increase</li> <li>4 who apparently had no fee previously but are proposed to have a fee beginning FY26.</li> </ul> </li> <li>In Sports we have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19 rounded down from the actual value of a 15% increase</li> <li>10 sports whose value is rounded up from the actual value of a 15% increase</li> <li>1 which apparently had no fee and is proposed to have a fee starting in FY26.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>1. On equity, what is the demographic breakdown of participants in each (Activities v Athletics)?</p> <p>2a. Please elaborate on the details of 'why' Activities are seeing more increases per type than Athletics.</p> <p>On budgetary impact for each and overall:</p>	<p><a href="#">Here is the demographic trend breakdown of the students in our Middle School sports for 2022-25.</a> We are not regularly tracking the demographic data for athletics and activities.</p> <p>The team looked at a variety of factors to make the recommended adjustments including: total enrollment, trends of expenditures over time, comparables within and beyond our conference, amount of stipended employees, and facility costs.</p> <p>2a. Activities are seeing an average increase of 14.88% in fees and Athletics are seeing an average increase of 14.46% across all sports. We did factor in the amount of students who typically participate as well. Our goal was to get as close to the directed parameter of 15%. Consideration of Activities was added to the report so that the Board has this as an additional option. AD Kleiner and AD Heim felt that restructuring and/or increasing fees for activities would also be prudent given the increased inflationary charged cost increases in recent years as well as the identified efficiencies that were identified with the tiered structure.</p> <p>Regarding fees that are labeled N/A for previous years: The new fees are a result of moving from an activity that was entirely self funded (Student Activity Account; participants pay for season pass; etc) to one where registration costs are facilitated by the school.</p> <p>2b. Athletics expense budget = \$1,740,112</p>

<p>2b. What is the estimated FY26 cost for each and overall (Activities vs Athletics)?</p> <p>2c. What is the estimated revenue based on the current recommendation for each and overall (Activities vs Athletics)?</p> <p>2d. What is the estimated revenue if we were more even-handed with our rounding for each? Sharing an alternate example would be apt.</p>	<p>Activities expense budget = \$316,200 Total = \$2,056,312</p> <p>2c. Athletics fee revenue budget = \$220,000 Activities fee revenue budget = \$85,000 Budget was increased based on \$50k additional fee revenue from the budget adjustment document and historical trends.</p> <p>2d. This estimate warrants further discussion.</p>
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(College and Career Readiness)

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