



LINCOLNWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 74
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 AT **6:30 PM**

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Scott L. Anderson, *President*
Kevin Daly, *Vice President*
John P. Vranas, *Secretary*
Jeffrey S. Evens
Myra A. Foutris
Elaina Geraghty
Rupal Shah Mandal

ADMINISTRATION
Dr. Kimberly A. Nasshan, *Superintendent of Schools*
Dr. David Russo, *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 Lincoln Hall Band Room #108
6855 North Crawford
Lincolnwood, IL 60712,
on Thursday, April 15, 2021.
with ZOOM Video Conferencing available on Thursday, April 15, 2021.*

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Daly called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kevin Daly (BOE), Chairman
John P. Vranas (BOE)
Reuben George, Community Member
Lidia Kaihara, Community Member
Steven Pawlow, Community Member
Dr. Bharat K. Shah, Community Member

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mike Bartholomew, Community Member
Steven Pawlow, Community Member

ADMINISTRATORS/STAFF

Dr. Kimberly A. Nasshan, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. David L. Russo, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Courtney Whited, Business Manager/CSBO (via Zoom)
Christopher Edman, Director of Technology

2. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes - **March 18, 2021**

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2021 Finance Committee meeting.

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: FUND BALANCE REPORT

a. Fund Balance Report - **FEBRUARY 2021**

Courtney Whited, Business Manager/CSBO, presented the February 2021 Fund Balance Report.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. 2021-22 Technology Hardware Refresh Updates

Christopher Edman, Director of Technology, presented the Technology Refresh documents that guide the District in purchasing new equipment from year to year. Apple is coming out with new technology so the District is taking a cautious approach to ensure the new technologies will not cause issues integrating into our overall technology environment. The Technology Department will keep a close watch on the age of technology as some devices near the end of their life cycle.

The Director of Technology investigated several vendors who provide insurance for computer hardware and compared their services to AppleCare+. He presented figures for how often the repair service is used and looked into self-insuring. AppleCare+ provides efficient, accurate repair and is considered to be the best option for the District. Through the years, we have purchased different cases and covers, which have worked to help decrease the instances of damage. There will be a period of direct instruction on how to handle the iPad devices for 3rd and 4th graders at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Educational Benefits Cooperative (EBC) Insurance Rates for 2021-22

Courtney Whited, Business Manager/CSBO, presented a monetary breakdown of the Educational Benefits Cooperative (EBC) Insurance Rates for 2021-22 with the District versus employee amounts reflecting the rate decreases for 2021-22.

b. Transportation Costs

Courtney Whited, Business Manager/CSBO, provided an estimate of the overall increase in price for transportation that First Student will request. The vendor is requesting a 2.85% increase on rates for 2021-22. The vendor is also seeking the ability to charge for transportation on up to three days when the District invokes an impromptu e-Learning day during the 2021-22 school year. As for the current year, the vendor requests 35% of revenues that would have been generated on AM/PM routes that were not run this year. First Student is seeking to keep half the funds received from the CARES Act in spring 2020. These points are informational and the District is awaiting an official proposal from the vendor. The Committee had questions about the vendor recouping CARES Act funds given the fact that the District paid 79% of transportation fees in the spring of 2020.

c. GSF USA, Inc. Cleaning Services 2021-22

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to accept the amendment as presented for GSF USA custodial services in the amount of \$435,640.39 to begin August 1, 2021 and end July 31, 2022.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting. The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

Kevin Daly, Chairman

John P. Vranas, Member