

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

This meeting was held remotely via Google Meet  
July 14, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.

Members in Attendance: John Bellingham, Jamie Bente, Lynda Boudreau, Rob Dehnert, Stacy Fox, Meghan Knutson, Brett Martindale, Barbie Roessler and Chad Wolff.

Others in Attendance:

Members Absent: Dave Campell and Jason Engbrecht

This meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m.

### **I. Business Items**

- a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Mr Bente and seconded by Ms Fox. Mr Wolff abstained due to absence from the June meeting. Motion carried.

### **II. Contracts, Agreements, Bids and Grants for Review**

- a. Approval of the FY26 MOU and LEA Agreement between Faribault and Elysian Head Start Center: Moved on from this HS servers children 3-5. Provide Special Ed services to the Head Start program. Nothing different from last year. Motion to approve by Mr Bente and seconded by Ms Boudreau.

### **III. Financial Performance**

- a. June Student Count: Nothing to report. There weren't any changes between May and June. Our MARSS coordinator is going through revisions right now. Roughly 3,000 students will be reported for FY25. We're expecting an increase in FY26 due to the closure of STEM.
- b. June Investment Financial Report: We're sitting in a really good spot for investments. We're working with PFM on our investments to ladder and diversify and we're getting some pretty good rates.
- c. June Comparative Financial Report: In June of 2024, we had credits so we're not seeing any bill for HVAC. Utilities on the whole are under budget. Self-insurance: Revenues less than Expenditures for June. Mr Wolff was pleased to see that our deficit was only \$48.5k for the year compared to what it was looking like earlier in the year. Also, pleased that our rates will be increasing by 15% for FY26.
- d. June Analytics: Fund summary: Expenses exceed Revenues by about 6 million but will change as we go through the audit due to booking receivables and additional invoices coming in for FY25 expenses. The bulk of the deficit is coming in from the construction fund which has \$4.7 million in expenditures and only \$280k in revenue. Multiyear Guideline: Our expenses for the general fund coming in at about \$58.7 million which is less than where we had anticipated but again, that number will change as we make year-end closing entries. Mr Wolff

had some concerns about the federal grants and not continuing. Barbie stated that Title I is the bulk of our federal funding but we could be potentially losing Titles 2,3, 4 and 600k for another grant. We're continuing to monitor that situation closely.

IV. Financial Strategies

- a. Approval of the 10-year Long-term Facilities & Maintenance Plan: By July 31 of each year we have to submit our 10 year LTFM plan to the school board, however, we really focus on the initial 3 years. Health and Safety is our yearly expense that we expect for regular upkeep of the buildings. In category 2, Indoor Air Quality, is our HVAC project. We're anticipating two more sites. Deferred Maintenance, building envelope, we're planning on \$20, interior surfaces, we're planning on some facelifts such as painting and have budgeted \$25k. Plumbing, we're planning on replacing some water fountains. Site projects for \$70k, such as sidewalks: Roosevelt sidewalks to be made safer. Fund balance for Fund 01: Regular revenue is based on student count and building age and in FY25 we're expecting \$1.3 million in revenue and \$1.27 in expenses. This will leave a \$43k fund balance going into FY26. FY26 revenue is projected to be \$1.36 million and expenses \$1.2 million and will add to our fund balance. We're projecting a fund balance of \$193k going into FY27. In Fund 06, our construction fund, we began FY25 with a \$7.1 million dollar fund balance. We received an additional 2.1 million in bond revenue and had expenses of \$4.6 million. This leaves our fund balance in Fund 06 at \$4.5 million. As we continue to finish our HVAC projects, that fund balance will be continued to be spent until the projects come to completion in FY27. Mr. Wolff - if we separate from Nerstrand will that impact this? And also, we'll be out of the ALC. Where do the remodel expenses come into play? Ms Roessler stated that some of the remodel expenses at McKinley are factored into this 10 year plan but no plans for renovations or long term maintenance projects for Nerstrand or the ALC were included.

V. Next Meeting: August 11, 2025, at 7:30 am.

VI. Adjournment at 8:04 am: Motion to adjourn by Ms Fox and seconded by Ms Boudreau.

*Respectfully submitted by Brett Martindale*