

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE, ET AL.

**FINANCIAL STABILITY AND EFFICIENCY
BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

January 15, 2024

1205 S. 70th Street - Room 514

5:00 p.m.

The following were present at the meeting:

- Brendan Burns, Vice Committee Chair
- Jane Carr, Board Committee Member
- Kristen Keyser, Committee Chair
- Aaron Norris, Assistant Superintendent

The FSE Committee met on Zoom starting at 5:00 p.m. The November 20, 2023 FSE Board Committee Minutes were approved by Jane Carr and seconded by Kristen Keyser.

Old Business:

Transportation Contract RFP 2024-2025

Over the past 3 months we have been working with First Student to negotiate a renewal both in terms of price and the number of years. We are finalizing the numbers and will bring this back to the full board in early february for review, discussion and approval.

Sale of Longfellow Elementary

Currently we are working with our attorney Mr. Shore who is finalizing the purchase agreement and once that is completed will be brought back to the full board for final approval. Mr. Shore will be here this evening to discuss updates as they pertain to the project.

Dependent Audit

As we know, the District uses an outside agency to do our annual financial audit. It is normal for organizations to audit other area(s) of their operations such as membership, enrollment and benefits. This year we have engaged with BMI who will lead our dependent audit. This audit will be for all active staff and pre-65 retiree(s) who use our medical insurance and to make sure we don't have anyone on our plans who is ineligible. The main sources of this are due to unreported deaths, divorces or dependents reaching age 26. BMI guarantees we will find more in savings than they charge for their services. Each staff beginning in March will be required to upload documentation for their eligible dependents.

New Business:

Staffing and Enrollment 2024-2025

We have finalized our projected enrollment for the 2024-25 school year and are projecting a 153 decrease in students from 2023-24 to 2024-25. We are now working to finalize staffing projections and will present this at the workshop scheduled for February 26, 2024

Open Enrollment Seats 2024-2025

Presented at the Monday, January 8th Board meeting.

Referendum 2024 Next Steps

Overall, we feel the referendum discussions have not felt as rushed as the last referendum and that our story is easily tellable by others not on the Board. More folks are seeing that our “ask” is reasonable. The committee got to see the video created for the referendum that really shows what our needs are for the schools and the staff. We also looked at the most recent data collected from the referendum survey. We have a little more than 900 responses, we would like more than 3,000 responses. Please go to the WAWM website to take the survey!

Additional Items for Future Meetings:

- ❖ Proposed Legislative Maps
- ❖ Legislative Proposal Regarding Open Enrollment (Would have a \$1.5 million impact on our District’s budget.)
- ❖ 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget (CPI finished at 4.12% - we are in the early stages of the budget planning for the 24-25 school year. The board will get its first glance at this on February 26 where we will go through projected enrollment, staffing, and overall budget surplus/deficit.)

Community Feedback

None

The meeting ended at 5:40 p.m.