



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 19, 2025.

The Facilities and Finance Committee began at 3:43 p.m. at the Administrative Service Center, Boardroom, 28W250 St. Charles Rd., West Chicago, Illinois.

Members Present: Dr. Patrick McGill, Superintendent; Dennis Peterson, Board Member; Vince Engstrom, Board Member; Dr. Joel Filas, Business Manager; and Solly Garcia, Administrative Assistant.

Tentative Budget Discussion - The district continues to depend significantly on local property taxes for its funding. Although the State of Illinois has allocated \$301.8 million in new funding for the fiscal year, the district will receive only \$608 due to its classification as Tier Four. Districts classified as Tier Four collectively receive 0.5% of new state dollars, whereas Tier One and Tier Two districts receive approximately 90%.

On a positive note, federal Title II funding, which was previously reduced, has been reinstated. This reinstatement will provide an additional \$10,000 to enhance professional development opportunities for district staff.

From a staffing perspective, the district expects \$118,000 in salary savings, not due to layoffs but because certain positions were unnecessary to fill this year. This includes a preschool special education teacher and one kindergarten section, as enrollment was 61 students, below the 67 needed to establish a fourth section. Additionally, three retirees with higher salaries have been replaced with new hires earning lower salaries.

Overall, staffing has experienced a slight decline, with the number of certified teachers decreasing from 66.5 full-time equivalents (FTE) to 64.5 FTE. Concurrently, the number of teachers possessing a master's degree has increased from 39 to 45, resulting in nearly 70% of the staff holding advanced degrees.

An exciting highlight was that two of the district's latest hires are proud alumni of Benjamin schools!

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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