

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Liberty School Board Room

October 14, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Tim Austin, Chair, Nate Hanson, Jason Tizedes
Superintendent Kowalski, Assistant Superintendent Owsley,
Recording Secretary Jahnke



MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

Finance meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Chair, Tim Austin

2. **Public Comment - None**

3. **Discussion Items**

A. **Count Update** - Review of Headcount. Miranda clarified the definition of each type of programming and that not all equate to full FTEs. Explanation of how the #s were obtained. Last year to this year. Y5's & K are down 12. Discussion about trends including exit data. School of Choice discussion around the importance of making sure all children in one family get in. Also looked at when St Andrews opened and when Washtenaw Christian Academy gained momentum. Both these affecting potential enrollment numbers.

B. **State Budget Recap** - \$442/FTE student increase, but the net increase will be closer to \$199/student. School provided free meals was maintained. Mental Health & Safety has a little bit of an increase, but comes with some legal implications the school has to agree to. Will evaluate with Thurn guidance in mind. The budget also funds no-fee preschool for all 4 year olds through the GSRP program, which is also a slightly larger increase per pupil. School districts that participate in the MPSERS will take on a larger share of costs as a large revenue was cut. Most other grants that Saline got in FY25 remain, only a small grant was discontinued.

4. **Public Comment - None**

5. **Next Meeting: TBD**

6. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm

Darcy Berwick
Board Secretary

Recorded by: Betty Jahnke