

# FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

## Liberty School Board Room

August 12, 2025 at 4:00 PM

**Tim Austin, Chair, Nate Hanson, Jason Tizedes**

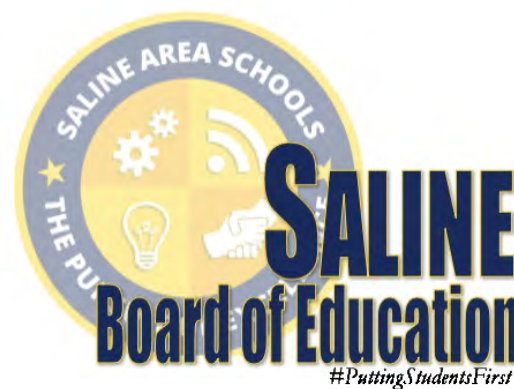
### Also in attendance:

Superintendent Rachel Kowalski

Assistant Superintendent Miranda Owsley

Recording Secretary Betty Jahnke

Executive Director of Teaching & Learning Kara Davis



## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

Finance Chair Tim Austin called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

### 2. Public Comment - None

### 3. Discussion Items

#### a. Review of Budget Process (for the benefit of new Trustee)

Miranda reviewed the budget process for our newest trustee, Nate Hanson. There is still lots of uncertainty for local school districts, facing challenges in planning their own budgets without knowing the state's funding allocations. There is also uncertainty regarding the continuation of the state's free breakfast and lunch program for public school students, as the current funding is set to expire on September 30th.

#### b. Audit Update

Pre Audit went well which took place a few weeks ago. They will be back probably 2 weeks in September. No surprises.

#### c. Staffing Updates

Not fully staffed yet. Lots of need still in Special Education, mainly paraeducators. No additional admin costs other than the addition of an additional Office Assistant in Special Education.

#### d. Negotiations

Closed session this evening. Tentative agreement will be discussed. Special meeting on August 19th to approve the contract.

#### e. DOE Funding Update

This is monitored day by day.

### 4. Public Comment - None

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5. **Next Meeting:**  
Tuesday September 9, 2025 at 5 pm
6. **Adjournment**  
Meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darcy Berwick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Darcy Berwick  
Board Secretary

Recorded by: Betty Jahnke