FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Liberty School Board Room

September 9, 2025 at 5:00 PM

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



MINUTES

Timeline for Finance Topics 2025

1. Call to Order

Finance Committee Meeting called to order by Chair Tim Austin at 5 pm.

2. Public Comment

Greg Gushee, Related Digital - Spoke regarding the proposed computer data center in Saline Township

3. **Discussion Items**

A. State Budget Update

Overview of current state budget implications for SAS

214 responded to the survey. 15% have made changes because of federal cuts while an additional 43% are considering cuts. This may also impact making payroll and having to access emergency funds. Programs will be impacted. School lunch program.

Key takeaways from legislative updates

Michigan lawmakers have not yet passed a budget. A point of conflict is the house plan to eliminate or redirect funding for programs like universal free school lunch program.

B. Audit

Status and timeline

Will come to the full board for approval in November. Preliminary findings are all positive

C. Enrollment / Headcount Presentation

Enrollment is slightly lower than last year but remains above budgeted projections. Count Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Attendance incentives will be offered to students, and we will continue discussions around school of choice, as well as review enrollment trends and data on reasons families are leaving the district.

4. Public Comment - None

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- 5. **Next Meeting** will be October 14, 2025 @ 5 pm
- 6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.

Darcy Berwick Board Secretary

Recorded by: Betty Jahnke