

Seymour Board of Education



Finance Committee Meeting Agenda

December 8, 2025
Seymour Middle School
6:30 pm

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chris Champagne
Stephan Behuniak
Lori Nespoli

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent
Salvatore Bucci, Business Manager
Shannon Levey, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Champagne called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:39 PM

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment provides the opportunity for the public to make a comment. It is not a dialogue between the Board and the public. Based upon what is heard during Public Comment, the Board may choose to add a topic to the agenda. If questions are posed that the Chairperson is able to answer, those questions may be addressed under the Chairperson's Comments portion of the agenda. The Board will not discuss personnel matters. Comments should be respectful and no longer than 3 minutes in length so that all who wish to comment may have the opportunity to do so. All the public wanting to comment will need to state their name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

Called 3 times - none

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Financial Statement

Mr. Salvatore Bucci reported that the primary budget variances to date are related to significant facilities issues, as reflected in the financial report. Several issues have occurred at Chatfield-LoPresti School, including ongoing pump failures. Approximately 20 pumps are in use, three of which have already been replaced, and an additional pump was identified as leaking. The district also incurred approximately \$55,000 in costs for professional ductwork cleaning.

Additional variances include McKinney-Vento student transportation and tuition costs, which are currently approximately \$78,000 over budget due to one, possibly two, students requiring services. The cost is approximately \$400 per day.

Mr. Bucci also reported positive news in special education, noting that the number of outplaced students has decreased to 21, with one additional student expected to return to the district. This results in a projected surplus of approximately \$118,000 based on the current budget. However, estimates will not be adjusted at this time due to the unpredictability of placements and costs.

The report reflects a zero balance at this time, indicating that the district is operating within its approved budget with no deficit. A slight surplus exists in staffing due to a position that remained vacant for a period of time. Some

planned programs are in place that will allow teachers to advance. Chromebook costs remain higher than anticipated, with the district hopeful that market prices will stabilize by the end of the year. No additional significant variances were reported at this time.

Ms. Nespoli inquires about McKinney-Vento transportation. Mr. Bucci stated it often requires the use of third-party vendors, which increases costs. When possible, the district works with other school districts to split transportation costs 50/50 and always seeks the least expensive option while still meeting legal requirements.

Dr. Compton stated that McKinney-Vento transportation costs are very expensive and that the district will explore applying for grant funding to help offset these expenses.

IV. REPORTS

- A. Board of Education
 - 1. Chairman Comments
 - 2. Board Member Comments
- B. Superintendent's Report

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM

Prepared by Shannon Levey,
Board Clerk