



Board of Education Study Session Meeting Minutes

**May 12, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Powell 9th Grade Academy**

Called to Order	6:55 p.m. Called to order by President, Rachel Eichhorst. 7 members present. 0 members absent.
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by the Board
Approved	Agenda for May 12, 2025 Study Session Meeting. Rice moved. Bowman supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.
Public Comment	None
Study Session	The following topics were presented and discussed:

2025 Bond Planning

Dept. of Treasury Application Review-

Sam Esser, Barton Malow Builders led the board members through an update on the current draft of the 2025 Bond Department of Treasury Application. The current project funding by facility spreadsheet was reviewed. Mr. Esser also spent time giving an overview of the important factors that the Treasury demands. He spoke of enrollment projections, financial analysis, facility usage and useful life of the projects included in the bond. Mrs. Laseke updated the current financial projections from PFM the district's financial advisor. The district ballot proposals is still projected to be \$62million to be sold in 2 series 2026 and 2028 if approved by the voters. This maintains the 3.85mill Debt Retirement rate that is no increase from what voters are currently paying. Dr. Robinson shared the summary of the current Project Groups that would guide the potential campaign.

RCS Strategic Plan – Year 3 Update

Dr. Robinson, Mrs. McFarlane and Mr. Murray gave an overview of the Year 3 Update to the RCS Strategic Plan. The structure of the plan is being changed to align with the Ford NGL Strands - Transforming Teaching and Learning, Transforming Culture, Structures and Systems and Transforming Partnerships with Schools and Community. Each strand has 2-3 Goals with corresponding Strategies and Activities or Action steps for achievement. Year 3 will be from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. The board asked questions for clarification throughout the discussion.

2025-26 School Year Planning

Budget Update-

Mrs. Laseke gave an update on the FY25 Budget that will receive final approval by the board at the June Regular Meeting. There are a couple of items that will impact that budget since the Amendment in February. The 3% healthcare reimbursement from the state is projected to run short because it is based on last year's payroll numbers. Additionally, it is expected that the Community Service budget will need to be supported from the General Fund to remain balanced for next year. The restructured payment process is having a positive impact but not enough time to change the budget significantly. Additionally it is anticipated that update feed for 25-26 will help.

Mrs. Laseke and Dr. Robinson also presented on the preliminary FY26 budget and the current enrollment assumption with the known budget projections from Lansing.

*District Leadership Priorities Update – Approval timeline and Costing
Dr. Robinson gave an overview of the Leadership Priority Groupings and the projection of bringing priorities for approval in 4 groups over the next four months. Group 1 has been presented. District leadership is looking to bring Group 2 for approval in May and June. The discussion concluded with an overview of the budget development spreadsheet that includes priorities costing. Currently it shows the board would need to approve some fund balance spend down to allow for support priorities approval*

Adjournment

8:36 p.m. Banach moved. Boyer supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Katherine Rice, Secretary _____