

DRAFT Minutes of the Board Finance & Operations Committee

July 15, 2025 – 4:30 PM

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Stack at 4:30pm.

Members Present: Eickholt, Stack

Members Absent: Holt

Also Present: Michael MacDonald, Kristin Perkowski, Sara VanderZee, Jason MacKay

B. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

C. Business Services**1. 2025-26 Budget Update**

We are still waiting for the state budget. Title 1, Part C and Title 2 are on hold and would have the biggest impact on our District. We've heard there might be some compromise with continuing the free meal program. Enrollment is currently just over 4,900; our budget is projected at just over 5,100.

2. Drinking Water Management Plan

Jason MacKay provided an update on the District's drinking water management plan, which will require Board approval per the new Thrun Board policies being voted on next week. MacKay reported we are in good standing, but some updates are needed and must be completed by June 2026. Updates will be made first at Duneside Discovery Center per the licensing. Only Robinson is on well water and has been tested for lead. Our drinking fountains filter for lead, copper, and any other particulate.

3. Discussion of Expanded Contract Offerings

Allowing staff from the ESC to switch to contract status, the District would save money. This would also open the option for shared services, which could bring in revenue. Language could be added that certain positions may only work for our District, and this would be optional for current and future staff. The administration will seek legal advice regarding this idea. The committee agreed to proceed with next steps.

D. Board President's Update

The Personnel Committee is working on Board partner expectations.

E. Superintendent's Update

- Kristin and Mary Jane Evink presented Mary Jane Belter, GHAPS Representative to the Loutit Library Board, an award of service at last week's meeting.
- Duneside Discovery Center Ribbon Cutting will be August 18th at 5:30pm.

F. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.

