



FINANCE COMMITTEE

May 27, 2026

MINUTES

Purpose Statement: *The mission of the ISD 200 Finance and Facilities Committees is to provide strategic guidance on budgetary, financial, and substantial facilities investment activities. These efforts prioritize sustainability, transparency, and equity, serving the School Board and the broader community.*

The committee is committed to fostering financial sustainability, ensuring transparency in decision-making, and supporting equity in resource allocation. It aims to enhance public confidence by effectively managing, maintaining, and improving district facilities, while educating stakeholders about facility usage, condition, and future outlook.

Committee Members Present: Mark Zuzek (Chair), Melissa Millner, Carrie Tate, Dr. Kristine Wehrkamp Herman, Jen Seubert, and LynDee Humble

1. The proposed 2026-2027 budget was presented in detail and reviewed
 - The committee asked very good questionsThe proposed budget will be reviewed at the 06/10/2026 school board work session by the full school board.
 - There will be a recommendation that the proposed budget be approved at the 06/17/2026 school board meeting.

2. The committee discussed the potential renewal of one of the levies that is currently in place. The levy is expiring in the near future, and the funding received through the levy is critical to the operation of the school district.
 - The board has the authority to vote to renew the levy at its current terms.
 - That possibility was discussed, and a resolution to do so was considered.
 - The plan to vote to approve the renewal of the levy with school board authority was supported by the committee.
 - Discussed the possible processes that can be used to renew, or revoke and replace
 - At the June 10th school board work session, the school board will discuss that possibility to renew the levy with the existing authority.
 - A resolution to approve by board authority will be considered, and possibly approved by the board at the June 17th school board meeting, or at the July school board meeting.

3. Authorities overview and operating referendum expiration
 - The finance committee and administration will seek direction from the school board to narrow possibilities for renewal and a possible expansion of levy authority.

- Presently, there appears to be lot of positive energy at the committee level to strongly consider the strategy to revoke the current levy authorities and seek voter approval of a single levy authority in the fall of 2027.
- The need for seeking community thoughts and the prospective tolerance of levy authority amounts from citizens is critical.
- The need for community tolerance and perspective can be gathered through surveying the community. It is common to hire a vendor for this activity.

4. Next Meetings

- TBD, the next step for the finance committee is to interview and assess two or more vendors for evaluating the perspective and tolerance of the community regarding local property tax support of ISD 200. Those meetings will be arranged by district administration and will be announced when the dates and times are set.
- October meeting, 2025-2026 Financial results will be discussed. Additionally, the Oct 1, 2026 enrollment update and budget impact will be reviewed.
- December meeting, the revised 2026-2027 budget will be reviewed.