

Business and Finance Committee

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

6:00 p.m., Superintendent's Office

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Dave Hazekamp, Jason Kennedy, JB Meeuwenberg, Jessica Wiseman, and Mark Mesbergen

1. MAISD FY 2026 Budget Review Delegate Appointment

Jason discussed Fruitport Community Schools needs to have a board member attend the MAISD's budget presentation. The appointment will happen at the upcoming board meeting.

2. Professional Surveying Services – Boundary and Topographic

Jason shared a quote from Spalding DeDecker (the firm Fruitport has used in the previous bonds). This is needed for the upcoming bond. It is recommended to approve the quote so they can start now to give the district and the bond team the most time to make any adjustments that come from this report. The total cost is \$61,400 coming out of the general fund.

3. 2025 Chromebook Purchase Recommendation

Mark shared a recommendation from Kyle Nielsen for the annual recommendation to purchase chromebooks for the upcoming school year. The recommendation is to purchase a total of 533 chromebooks (with licensees) and 210 student cases for \$160,740.46. This purchase is through the State consortium and coming out of the Technology Security Millage.

4. E-rate Network Equipment Purchase Recommendation

Mark shared a recommendation from Kyle Nielsen to upgrade our core data center switch and replace our old wireless access points to Wi-Fi 6. This project is under E-rate so the district will spend \$48,989.88 and when the project is completed, the district will receive \$39,191.90 back in a credit for a total net cost of only \$9,797.98.

5. Transportation Purchase Recommendation

Mark shared a recommendation from Brad Faulkner to replace our routing system with a new system that schools around us are moving to. The transportation department will have GPS tracking of the buses. There will be a parent app to give updates if the bus will be late along with seeing if their student got on and off the bus (the student will have an RFID card). Lastly, the system will store all of our pre-trip items which the State will want to see soon. The total cost will be allocated to Section 221 in the general fund.

6. Childcare Rate Increase and Staff Wage Increase

Mark shared a recommendation to increase the tuition rate for the program. This was brought up at the budget hearing in January as this was the plan to start to increase the rate to get us back to a balanced budget after we received a lot of federal ESSER money for the program. The recommendation also recommended an increase to staff to the recent minimum wage increase.

7. Other – Other Committee Items

Jason shared some of the other committee agenda items.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Mesbergen