

DOWNERS GROVE GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 58
FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 9, 2024

The Financial Advisory Committee met on Friday, February 9, 2024 at 7:00 a.m. at O’Neill Middle School.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Darren Hughes.

Present

Nicole Bernard, Scott Cimo, Todd Drafall, Jason Fugitt, Darren Hughes, Michelle Kovar, Mark Leipart, Geoff Neustadt, Steve Olczyk, Kevin Russell, Chris Sagan, Susan Sierakowski, Joe Wojciechowski. Rachel Brown and Mark Hannen from Quest Food Management Services attended as guests.

Absent

Kevin Barto, Brent Borchelt, Tim Cruse, Tamara DeStefano, Laura Hill, Naomi Levine, Katherine Neal, Ron O’Connor, Cynthia Pietrucha, Andrew Schmidt, Raj Shah, Jason Sparks, Jason Suchy, Leland Wagner.

Approval of Minutes

Geoff Neustadt moved and Joe Wojciechowski seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2024, meeting. Motion carried.

Year-to-Date Report

Todd Drafall summarized the Year-to-Date Reports for both December and January, along with the Treasurer’s Reports. Dr. Russell shared that this is a reassessment year in DuPage County, which may affect the District’s tax receipts.

Health and Wellness Report

The Health and Wellness Committee met on February 5; the most recent report was shared with the FAC. The Health and Wellness Committee is reviewing the current employee wellness incentive program and comparing it to other programs available, including those with rewards tied to premiums. An open enrollment update was provided; there has been some movement from enrollment in the Universal plan to the HSA plan.

Food Service Recommendation

Todd Drafall shared a presentation on food service plans. New construction at the middle schools, including improved kitchens, will be completed by the fall of 2025 and available to use during the 25-26 school year. During the summer of 2025, the District can target improvements to support a hot meal program at elementary schools. A food service RFP will be needed for 2024-25, as we are currently under a one-year contract.

Rachel Brown of Quest Foods led a presentation and discussion regarding pricing scenarios for 24-25. She shared options with and without the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) at the middle and/or elementary schools.

The committee consensus was to recommend keeping the NSLP at the middle schools for 2024-25, but maintain the non-NSLP cold lunch program for the elementary schools (maintain the status quo for another year). This recommendation will be shared with the board at the February board meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Chris Sagan moved and Nicole Bernard seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 a.m.