

**Minutes of a
Finance and Operations Committee Meeting
Lake Forest School District 67**

March 7, 2017

Members Present: Rob Lemke, Tom Ford, Kent Novit, Tara Janos, Richard Chun, Paul Darling, Chris Bires, Tara Janos, Jennifer Hermes, Carol White, Kathy Hughes

- The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.
- There was no Public Comment.
- February Minutes were approved.
- Jennifer reported that the current contract with Quest Food Management Services expires on June 30th. The renewal for the 2017-18 school year shows a 1.5% increase or \$800 over the current year.
- Jennifer presented an overview of historical data with regard to student fees. She reported at the last meeting that Olson Transportation had contacted all three districts (67, 115, and 65) to negotiate a mid-year rate increase and due to the extremely tight busing market, there would be another rate increase for the 2017-18 school year. The district will once again be offering a half-day preschool program called Community of Learners Preschool. The program blends general education students with students with recognized special needs. To offset the cost of this program, a tuition fee that is comparable to benchmark districts, including NSSED is being charged.
- Jennifer provided year-end projections. She reported the major factors impacting both the revenue and expenditure side of the projections. It is anticipated that the district will post a lower deficit than budgeted.
- Carol White reported on upcoming projects to be completed this summer and Jennifer reported on the potential construction projects for all of the buildings. Jennifer presented an update for the Champions After School Program which includes offering a middle school program as well as a middle school program.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.