



Finance & Operations

TO: Citizens Finance Advisory Committee (CFAC) Members
FROM: Bill Menozzi, Director of Finance and Operations
DATE: July 9, 2024
RE: CFAC Summer Update

1. Capital Projects (Technology) Renewal

At the regular meeting on June 24, 2024, the Shakopee School Board unanimously passed a resolution asking voters to renew a capital projects levy during the November 5 election. The original capital projects levy was approved by voters in 2015, and the final year of levy revenue from the current levy is 2025 for the 25-26 school year. The current levy is used for safety and critical support in instructional technology.

The renewal will seek to continue a capital projects levy that was approved in 2015 for an additional 10 years at the same percentage of net tax capacity that was originally approved in 2015. If you or anyone you know has any questions about the capital projects levy renewal, please reach out to me or another member of the district leadership team.

2. 2024 – 2025 Adopted Budget

At the regular meeting on June 24, 2024, the Shakopee School Board unanimously approved the 2024-25 Adopted Budget Executive Summary. Please see the attached executive summary or visit the Shakopee Schools finance webpage for the report. Here are the financial highlights from the adopted budget summary:

- The projected general fund unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2025, is projected to be \$12,310,729, or 10% of general fund expenditures. School Board policy #714 states that the Board will strive to maintain a general unassigned fund balance between 8 and 12 percent of expenditures.
- The early childhood – grade 12 enrollment projection for 2024-25 is set at 7,430 students, a decrease of 203 students from the 2023-24 enrollment projection. Staffing has been adjusted in order to keep class sizes the same/similar to the prior year given the decline in student enrollment.
- The 2024-25 state aid funding formula increase is set at 2 percent. Given the projected decline in student enrollment, the actual increase/decrease in state aid is projected to be -\$336,080.
- The adopted budget includes budget estimates for contractual obligations that are either in process or have recently been settled. Variances from assumed contractual obligations to actual settlements will be reflected in the revised budget in January/February 2025.

3. 2024 and 2025 Summer Construction Projects

In accordance with our long-term facilities maintenance (LTFM) and operating capital planning, the following projects are planned for summer 2024 and 2025.

2024: Red Oak carpet replacement, West Middle School roof and building automation controls, Sweeney ventilation project.

2025: East Middle School bathrooms.

4. Finance Team Personnel Update

As of July 1, 2024, Natalie Ditter has been promoted from District Controller to Supervisor of Fiscal Services. We are currently accepting applications for the Controller position and plan to interview in mid-July. Kris Kratz and the team at the Center for Efficient School Operations (CESO) has served the district as the Supervisor of Fiscal Services for nearly 8 years. Kris and CESO were brought onboard during a time of financial turmoil, and we thank her sincerely for her efforts and being a huge part of our financial turnaround.