Finance Committee Chair Clint Cogswell called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Mr. Cogswell announced that there were two (2) items on the meeting’s agenda; Food Service Budget Projections and Bonding for the Elementary School Project. He then turned the meeting over to Business Administrator Michele Croteau for the first agenda item.

Business Administrator Croteau introduced Food Service Director Bill Janson. Ms. Croteau then distributed two (2) reports which showed the projected revenues, expenditures and fund balances for the next five (5) years from 2010–2011 to 2014–2015. The only increase in the rates charged to purchase breakfast, lunch and snacks included in the reports is in the fiscal year 2010–2011. The committee discussed the projected changes in the fund balances and decided to revisit the projections during the next budget season.

Superintendent Chris Rath distributed and reviewed a report on the history of the Food Service fraud case, per the request of the committee. The committee discussed the Food Service fraud and the fund balances during the time of the fraud, the insurance payment and future restitution by the perpetrator.

Mr. Cogswell introduced the second item on the agenda, the Elementary School Bonding, and turned the meeting back over to Ms. Croteau.

Ms. Croteau distributed financing plans 26a, 26b, 27 and 28 which are all equal principal, thirty (30) year loans based on the 2008 valuation of $3,845,572,975 but with different scenarios compiled and submitted by First Southwest Company. Each plan included the $800,000 Bond Anticipation Note which is due January 11, 2011. After discussion and comparison of the submitted financial plans, the consensus of the committee was to fund the full amount of the project, $62.54M, minimizing the cost of the bond over the life of the debt and to act as quickly as possible in order to obtain a low rate. The committee also
agreed to use Plan 26b, which proved to be the most cost-effective and would cost the taxpayer the least amount over the life of the bond.

The committee asked Ms. Croteau to contact the District’s financial adviser at First Southwest Company, Cinder McNerney, to ask her to identify the advantages and disadvantages of bonding in either June 2010 or July 2011. Also, Ms. Croteau was asked to find out if there were other dates between June 2010 and July 2011 that could be used as a date to bond.

It was noted that the City of Concord should be informed as to the financial plan the District was considering. Superintendent Rath stated that this information was to be brought up at the next Joint City Council/School Board Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clint Cogswell, Finance Committee Chair
Michele M. Croteau, Recorder

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