

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Jim McCuaig Education Centre

Trustee Scottie Wemigwans
Chair

Trustee George Saarinen
Vice Chair

AGENDA

PUBLIC SESSION

6:30 p.m. – Board Room/Microsoft Teams

	<u>Resource Person</u>	<u>Pages</u>
1. CALL TO ORDER	Vice Chair	
2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST		
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	Vice Chair	
4. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	Vice Chair	
5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS – N/A		
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – PUBLIC SESSION		
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7. INFORMATION REPORTS		
7.1 2026-2027 Capital Plan Update (068-26)	D. Porter, M. Hakala	3-7
7.2 2026-2027 Draft Budget (061-26)	K. Alaksa, A. Lee-Wiwcharyk	8-12
8. NEW REPORTS – N/A		
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS		
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS		
11. ADJOURNMENT	Vice Chair	Verbal

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Board Room
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2026 MAY 5
6:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Scottie Wemigwans (Chair)
Ron Oikonen
Patricia Johansen
Ellen Chambers

George Saarinen (Vice Chair)
Trudy Tuchenhagen
Donica LeBlanc
Ryan Sitch

TRUSTEES WITH REGRETS:

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education
Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business
Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education
Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education
Patti-Jo Pesola, Superintendent of Education

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION WITH REGRETS:

Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education

RESOURCE:

Angela Lee-Wiwcharyk, Manager of Financial Services
Simona Serrao, Executive Secretary

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Call to Order**

Chair, Trustee Wemigwans, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There was no disclosure of conflict of interest.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Johansen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

“THAT the Agenda for the Finance Committee Meeting of May 5, 2026, be approved.”

CARRIED

4. Land Acknowledgement

Trustee Saarinen, Vice Chair, acknowledged the lands and traditional territory.

5. Delegations/Presentations – N/A

6. Approval of Minutes

6.1 Finance Committee Meeting – April 7, 2026

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

“THAT the Finance Committee approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, April 7, 2026.”

CARRIED

7. Information Reports

7.1 2025-2026 Interim Financial Information – April 30, 2026 (038-26)

Angela Lee-Wiwcharyk, Manager of Financial Services, presented the report.

All trustees' questions were addressed.

8. New Reports – N/A

9. Unfinished Business and General Orders

9.1 Trustee Inquiries – Budget Deputation Clarifications

All trustee inquiries submitted through the trustee inquiry process related to the budget deputations were reviewed, and clarifications were provided as required. In addition, any follow-up or additional questions raised by trustees were clarified as well.

10. Announcements

None.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

LAKEHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2026 JUN 02
Report No. 068-26

TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE – Public Session

RE: 2026-2027 CAPITAL PLAN UPDATE

1. Background

- 1.1 On an annual basis, administration identifies Lakehead District School Board (LDSB) priorities and develops an action plan that is presented to the Board. This plan directly supports the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan. One of the objectives of the strategic plan is to provide a safe, welcoming, equitable, accessible and inclusive environment that reflects the diversity of our community.
- 1.2 The Capital Committee was established to coordinate the effective delivery of this priority as it relates to facilities. The committee is comprised of the following members:
 - Don Porter, Manager of Property Services;
 - Mark Hakala, Capital Projects Coordinator;
 - Kyle Ulvang, Health and Safety Officer; and
 - John Loovere, Manager of IT and Computer Services.
- 1.3 The committee's mandate is to focus on the following items, which correspond with Board priorities, as well as the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan:
 - to develop a capital plan for schools with a focus on academic achievement;
 - to continue to reduce greenhouse gas emissions measured; and
 - to continue to improve classroom teaching and learning environment.
- 1.4 A major component of system success is the development of the capital plan. The capital plan is to include the development of a plan for safety and security, beautification for schools, their sites, and a development plan for schools with a focus on academic achievement.
- 1.5 The Board's Executive Council has established the 2026-2027 capital project priorities in consultation with:
 - Information Technology Committee;
 - Accessibility Committee;
 - Safe Schools Committee;
 - building and energy consultants;

- Property Services Department; and
- annual school visits.

It may also incorporate projects required to satisfy legislated requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Environment, Ontario Fire Marshall, and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

2. Situation

2.1 2026-2027 Funding

The 2026-2027 capital projects will be funded by the following capital grants:

- Ministry of Education School Renewal Funding (\$2,419,184); and
- Ministry of Education School Condition Improvement Grant (\$8,161,906).

2.2 Attached as *Appendix A to Report No. 068-26*, the *2026–2027 Capital Projects List* outlines planned projects for the coming year in alignment with the LDSB’s Long-Term Capital Plan, incorporating input from school communities and stakeholders to support thorough and informed planning.

Conclusion

The quality of program delivery for all students remains the primary consideration in all Capital Plan decisions, guided by and aligned with the priorities set out in the 2025–2029 Strategic Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

KIRSTI ALAKSA
Superintendent of Business

DON PORTER
Manager of Property Services

MARK HAKALA
Capital Project Coordinator

SHERRI-LYNNE PHARAND
Chief Executive Officer

Lakehead District School Board: 2026-2027 Capital Projects

Location	Project	Brief Description	Year	Cost
Algonquin Avenue Public School	Site Work	Repair fencing around JK/SK area.	2027	\$ 25,000.00
C.D.Howe Public School	Plumbing Upgrade	Upgrade washrooms on the main floor.	2027	\$ 250,000.00
C.D.Howe Public School	Security Improvements	Upgrade remaining stairwell railing.	2027	\$ 45,000.00
Claude E. Garton Public School	Lighting Upgrades	LED lighting upgrade throughout school.	2027	\$ 250,000.00
Claude E. Garton Public School	Site Work	Upgrade JK/SK play area, replace play structure.	2027	\$ 400,000.00
Crestview Public School	Accessibility	Install interior fobs throughout building.	2027	\$ 250,000.00
École Gron Morgan Public School	Site Work	Repave back area of school including basketball court. Chance to add a second court.	2027	\$ 850,000.00
École Gron Morgan Public School	Lighting Upgrades	LED lighting upgrade throughout school.	2027	\$ 300,000.00
Five Mile Public School	HVAC Upgrade	Replace outside Trane unit.	2027	\$ 175,000.00
Five Mile Public School	HVAC Upgrade	Replace heat wheel to newer end of the school.	2027	\$ 50,000.00
Gorham and Ware Community School	Building Envelope	Roof leak repair.	2027	\$ 200,000.00
Hammar skjold High School	Safety Improvements	IP speaker replacement.	2027	\$ 75,000.00
Hyde Park	Building Upgrades	Interior renovations.	2027	\$ 250,000.00
Kakabeka Falls Public School	Plumbing Upgrade	Upgrade senior end washrooms.	2027	\$ 250,000.00
Kakabeka Falls Public School	HVAC Upgrade	Add additional heat source to JK/SK area.	2027	\$ 125,000.00
Kingsway Park Public School	Accessibility	Install interior fobs throughout the building.	2027	\$ 250,000.00
Kingsway Park Public School	Building Envelope	Remove glass block windows in rooms 7 and 8 and replace with new casement.	2027	\$ 100,000.00
Kingsway Park Public School	Building Envelope	Replace windows in rooms 1 and 2.	2027	\$ 100,000.00

Lakehead District School Board: 2026-2027 Capital Projects

Location	Project	Brief Description	Year	Cost
McKellar Park Central Public School	Accessibility	Install interior fobs throughout building.	2027	\$ 250,000.00
Nor'wester View Public School	Site Work	Upgrade JK/SK play area.	2027	\$ 275,000.00
Nor'wester View Public School	Site Work	Tie all downspouts in JK/SK area into the drainage.	2027	\$ 50,000.00
Nor'wester View Public School	Plumbing Upgrades	Upgrade boys/girls washrooms senior end.	2027	\$ 250,000.00
Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute	Boiler Upgrade	Replace existing boilers.	2027	\$ 225,000.00
Sherbrooke Public School	Boiler Upgrade	Replace existing boilers.	2027	\$ 275,000.00
Sherbrooke Public School	Site Work	Extend existing parking lot.	2027	\$ 500,000.00
Sherbrooke Public School	Program needs	Convert existing classroom to a smudging room.	2027	\$ 165,000.00
Valley Central Public School	HVAC Upgrades	Address HRV units contactors and facilitate access to split damper.	2027	\$ 125,000.00
Vance Chapman Public School	Site Work	Perimeter fencing.	2027	\$ 200,000.00
Vance Chapman Public School	Beautification	Painting outside of school.	2027	\$ 50,000.00
Vance Chapman Public School	Plumbing Upgrades	Washroom upgrade to boys/girls washrooms near main office.	2027	\$ 250,000.00
Vance Chapman Public School	Site Work	Add heat trace to all the downspouts around the gym.	2027	\$ 25,000.00
Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute	Security Improvements	Replace aging camera system throughout building.	2027	\$ 200,000.00
Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute	Electrical	Primary and secondary feed upgrade and tech wing electrical upgrade.	2027	\$ 1,500,000.00
Westmount Public School	Lighting upgrades	LED lighting upgrade throughout school.	2027	\$ 250,000.00
Westmount Public School	Safety Improvements	Add gates to Edward and Brown Streets to enclose entire play area.	2027	\$ 40,000.00
Whitefish Valley Public School	Site Work	Pave front parking lot.	2027	\$ 600,000.00
Whitefish Valley Public School	Plumbing Upgrade	Upgrade senior end washrooms.	2027	\$ 250,000.00

LAKEHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2026 JUN 02
Report No. 061-26

TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE – Public Session

RE: 2026-2027 DRAFT BUDGET

1. Background

1.1 On an annual basis, the Ministry of Education requires school boards in Ontario to submit a budget in accordance with its legislation.

2. Situation

2.1 The funding regulation for the 2026-2027 fiscal year was released by the Ministry of Education on May 13, 2026.

The core education funding is comprised of six funding pillars:

- classroom staffing;
- learning resources;
- special education;
- school facilities;
- student transportation; and
- school board administration.

The recent budget announcement resulted in an overall increase in funding of approximately 1.9%. Projected enrolment for 2026-2027 is slightly down by 17.85 Average Daily Enrolment (ADE), but despite this decline, funding increased due to several key factors such as:

- updated census data;
- adjustments for rising commodity costs;
- additional ministry priorities; and
- responsive education programs from 2025-2026 rolled into core education funding.

The overall operating grants were increased by \$2.7 million in comparison to the 2025-2026 estimates.

2.2 Budget submissions are due to the Ministry of Education by June 30, 2026.

Conclusion

Administration has reviewed the grants for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the priorities in the strategic plan, the ministry mandates, as well as input from our stakeholder groups. Following thorough review and careful consideration, we are pleased to present trustees with a draft balanced budget for review and consideration, as outlined in *Appendix A to Report No. 061-26 - 2026-2027 Revenue & Expenditure Summary*.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGELA LEE-WIWCHARYK
Manager of Financial Services

KIRSTI ALAKSA
Superintendent of Business

SHERRI-LYNNE PHARAND
Chief Executive Officer

Appendix A to Report No. 061-26
2026 - 2027 Revenue & Expenditure Summary

June 2, 2026

THE LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
2026-2027 OPERATING BUDGET

	2026-2027 Budget	2025-2026 Budget	Change
REVENUE			
Classroom Staffing Fund (CSF)	71,210,824	71,114,164	96,660
Learning Resources Fund (LRF)	28,335,162	26,494,008	1,841,154
Special Education Fund (SEF)	23,183,898	22,895,185	288,713
School Facilities Fund	11,456,728	11,316,281	140,447
Student Transportation Fund (STF)	8,449,031	8,104,298	344,733
School Board Administration Fund (SBAF)	4,693,251	4,663,878	29,373
Total Operating Grants	147,328,894	144,587,814	2,741,080
School Renewal	2,200,000	2,000,000	200,000
School Condition Improvement	7,925,000	8,000,000	(75,000)
Capital Debt Support Payments	1,049,888	1,149,756	(99,868)
Short Term Financing	30,000	30,000	0
Deferred Capital Contributions	13,281,155	13,281,155	0
Permanent Financing of NPF - Board 55 Trust	99,067	99,067	0
TOTAL GRANT ALLOCATION	171,914,004	169,147,792	2,766,212
Other Revenue			
Government of Canada - Tuition Revenue	2,092,917	2,263,928	(171,012)
Visa Tuition	631,032	419,800	211,232
Rental Revenue	979,717	970,916	8,800
Fee for Service (Con Ed)	125,000	125,000	0
Other School Boards	279,191	262,278	16,913
Cafeteria	85,000	20,000	65,000
Interest	250,000	60,000	190,000
School Fundraising	2,960,491	2,612,603	347,888
REP/Other Grants	525,240	3,300,738	(2,775,497)
Miscellaneous	1,309,982	929,396	380,586
Deferred Revenue	0	160,000	(160,000)
Miscellaneous re: Unsupported DCC	31,838	31,838	0
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	9,270,407	11,156,497	(1,886,090)
TOTAL REVENUE	181,184,411	180,304,289	880,122
EXPENSES			
Salaries	109,372,247	109,309,945	62,302
Benefits	20,574,022	19,844,264	729,758
Supplies	5,902,674	6,271,849	(369,175)
Equipment	812,457	910,990	(98,532)
Capital Addn's	10,742,181	10,949,818	(207,637)
Fees & Contracts	10,521,422	10,793,403	(271,982)
Other	6,826,053	6,138,552	687,501
School Fundraising Expenses	2,960,491	2,612,603	347,888
Amortization Expense	13,373,797	13,373,797	0
Permanent Financing of NPF	99,067	99,067	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	181,184,411	180,304,289	880,122
CURRENT DEFICIT	0	0	0

DECISION UNIT NAME	2026 - 2027 BUDGET	2025 - 2026 BUDGET	\$ Change
SCHOOL BASED TEACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF			
Elementary Day School	\$ 45,610,894	45,859,403	\$ (248,509)
Secondary Day School	\$ 20,588,257	20,661,401	\$ (73,143)
Alternative Education	\$ -	-	\$ -
Safe Schools	\$ 296,884	476,681	\$ (179,797)
Noon Hour Supervision	\$ 470,000	445,000	\$ 25,000
Early Childhood Educators	\$ 3,757,743	3,728,099	\$ 29,644
Before and After School Program	\$ 982,000	254,735	\$ 727,265
Library Information Technicians	\$ 926,336	962,000	\$ (35,664)
School Administration	\$ 5,942,523	5,980,581	\$ (38,058)
School Offices	\$ 3,201,887	3,159,967	\$ 41,920
Continuing Education	\$ 1,124,131	1,129,594	\$ (5,463)
Social Workers/Mental Health	\$ 1,138,324	1,329,022	\$ (190,698)
Total	\$ 84,038,979	83,986,482	\$ 52,497
SPECIAL EDUCATION			
Special Education Day School	\$ 5,791,208	5,825,491	\$ (34,283)
Student Support Professionals	\$ 15,146,720	15,188,240	\$ (41,520)
Special Education Program Support	\$ 2,082,369	2,306,241	\$ (223,873)
Education and Community Partnership Program	\$ 1,381,111	1,229,154	\$ 151,957
Total	\$ 24,401,408	24,549,126	\$ (147,718)
SCHOOL BASED SERVICES & RESOURCES			
School Supplies and Resources	\$ 1,830,872	1,713,070	\$ 117,802
Technology Education	\$ 240,000	240,000	\$ -
Kingfisher	\$ 522,322	525,561	\$ (3,239)
Instructional Materials Centre	\$ 122,101	122,745	\$ (644)
Transportation	\$ 8,335,190	8,370,496	\$ (35,306)
Co-Curricular Activities	\$ 516,701	462,440	\$ 54,261
Plant Services	\$ 12,566,960	12,205,572	\$ 361,389
Plant Maintenance	\$ 2,274,557	2,328,089	\$ (53,533)
Community Use of Schools	\$ 124,755	126,141	\$ (1,386)
Cafeteria	\$ 227,932	215,000	\$ 12,932
Distribution	\$ 57,873	57,642	\$ 231
Territorial Student Program	\$ 225,376	207,866	\$ 17,510
Total	\$ 27,044,640	26,574,622	\$ 470,018

CENTRAL SUPPORT TO SCHOOLS			
Instructional Services	\$ 4,727,819	3,970,729	\$ 757,090
FNMI	\$ 2,483,552	2,838,290	\$ (354,738)
International Program	\$ 228,012	231,009	\$ (2,998)
Student Success & School Effectiveness	\$ 547,770	542,836	\$ 4,934
Computer Services	\$ 1,656,573	1,643,390	\$ 13,183
Technical Services	\$ 1,113,372	1,117,603	\$ (4,231)
Technology Equipment	\$ 705,181	1,017,818	\$ (312,637)
Property Services Administration	\$ 835,108	838,466	\$ (3,358)
Health And Safety	\$ 183,584	174,564	\$ 9,020
Rehabilitation	\$ 232,100	170,000	\$ 62,100
Business Services	\$ 1,274,971	1,275,035	\$ (64)
Communications	\$ 366,504	364,954	\$ 1,550
Payroll	\$ 587,922	588,540	\$ (619)
Human Resources	\$ 1,102,667	1,094,592	\$ 8,075
Total	\$ 16,045,134	\$ 15,867,826	\$ 177,308
GOVERNANCE			
Trustees	\$ 198,966	280,521	\$ (81,555)
CEO's Office	\$ 912,708	932,133	\$ (19,425)
Instructional/Corporate Admin	\$ 716,198	646,112	\$ 70,086
Total	\$ 1,827,872	\$ 1,858,766	\$ (30,895)
OTHER			
Benefits	\$ (31,864)	(37,757)	\$ 5,893
Interest on borrowing	\$ -	20,000	\$ (20,000)
Debentures	\$ 1,049,888	1,149,756	\$ (99,868)
Contingency	\$ 250,000	250,000	\$ -
Capital Expense	\$ 10,125,000	10,000,000	\$ 125,000
Amortization Expense	\$ 13,373,796	13,373,797	\$ (1)
School Board 55 Trust Financing	\$ 99,067	99,067	\$ -
Fundraising	\$ 2,960,491	2,612,603	\$ 347,888
Total	\$ 27,826,378	\$ 27,467,466	\$ 358,912
Total Operating and Capital Expenditures	\$ 181,184,411	\$ 180,304,289	\$ 880,122