The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

1. Minutes Approval
Minutes from the November 23, 2009 meeting were approved with one change.
Motion to approve – Donald Ludwig

2. Update on Property Acquisitions – Charles Oestreich
The sale of the Bethel Property has closed. An RFP was advertised and bids have been received. A meeting is scheduled on 12/9/09 with the low bidder to ensure their bid is complete and negotiate the removal of line items to meet our budget. A recommendation will be presented at the January 2010 board meeting.

The sale of the Hoods Property has closed. An RFP was advertised and bids have been received. A meeting is scheduled on 12/9/09 with the low bidder to ensure their bid is complete and negotiate the removal of line items to meet our budget. A recommendation will be presented at the January 2010 board meeting.

3. Update on Assessed Value – Linda Quinley
The District had to pull back on assumptions due to debt services. There is a 0% increase this year with a ½% in 2010, ½% in 2011 and then 1% in 2012. This is down from the 1%, 1-1/2%, and 2% that was expected. Previously $18 million would go into debt services now it will be $17.8 million. If there is a change in operating budgets than need to make the same change across all budgets. This will increase the capitalized interest on the 2010 bond from $3.6 million to $7 million. There would also need to be a cut of $3.4 million out of the facilities budget in the bond plan.
There were some large entities that have moved to a non-taxable status.
The District will need to go to the bond election with the new assumption. There will not be more exact numbers until July 2010.
4. Revised 2010 Bond Plan – Dr. Nick Boren
A handout, Tentative April 2010 $120 million Bond Plan, was presented to the committee.
As requested at the November 12, 2009 meeting, $1 million was moved out of technology and add to facilities.
A discussion developed on how to reduce costs for the proposed second elementary. A question was asked as to whether the District could use the plans from Paxton Keeley to build the proposed elementary. When Paxton Keeley was built in 2001, the District paid roughly $94/sq ft compared to $172/sq ft for Alpha Hart Lewis. No land had to be purchased for Paxton Keeley, the land was partially donated and part of the Smithton project. The original cost of Paxton Keeley was $9.8 million. If the District were to build another Paxton Keeley it would cost more than the cost of Alpha Hart Lewis. The District would need the approval of Hoerner to use the plans for Paxton Keeley. For the second new elementary, the District would like a minimum of 20 acres. Money has been set aside from the proposed budget to purchase the land. The new elementary, using the plans of Alpha Hart Lewis, could be built with 2 pods with the option to add additional pods at a later date. Building fewer pods could potentially save $7-8 million. The discovery of land and what type of building could dictate the amount. Another revision will need to be made to the bond plan to now show $7 million in capitalized interest, $10 million in facilities, and $15 for second new elementary. A motion to present the draft bond plan, with the additional changes, to the board at the December 12, 2009 board meeting was put before the committee. The motion passed.

5. Draft Bond Language – Dr. Nick Boren
A handout of the draft bond language was presented to the committee. The Finance Committee will need to propose and approve the final bond language. Bond money can not be used for items not included in the bond language. For clarification purposes it was suggested to change the wording to of high school gymnasiums to “comprehensive high school gymnasiums” so that voters would be able to identify which schools were building new gyms. It was also suggested to include the high impact items toward the beginning of the ballot language. The bond election is scheduled for April 6, 2010.

6. Discussion – Committee
A meeting was scheduled for January 4, 2010 from 3:30-5:00 in the Board Room at the Administration Building.

7. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm. Motion to adjourn – Donald Ludwig