

Minutes of the February 11, 2015 Special Board of Education Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Vice President Pohl.

Pledge Of Allegiance

Roll Call Of Attendance: Pohl, J. Johnson present. R. Johnson joined at 4:15 p.m.; Strebe joined at 4:42 p.m. Hebert, Hollman, Rice absent.

Administrators present: Dr. Oppor, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. O'Brien, and Mrs. Borash.

Multiple staff members present, one parent present.

Dr. Oppor verified publication of meeting.

The Finance Committee has previously recommended that there be a balanced budget for the year. The 2014-2015 budget ran an estimated \$179,000 deficit. It was noted that removing funds from the fund balance to balance the budget is not a long-term feasible solution.

Dr. Oppor presented the Guiding Principles of the Board. An Ad Hoc Committee is suggested to refine the principles. It would likely be a summer project, and is suggested that perhaps the spring Board Retreat would be a good place to refine them. They would be in place by the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

Dr. Oppor presented the balanced budget proposal line by line. It was noted that part of the budget proposal reflects the potential loss of State Aid as proposed in the current state budget. That impact to our district is \$113,000. Dr. Oppor and Mrs. Johnson will be attending the Legislative Breakfast on 2/12/15 at CESA 6, and will stand and announce that dollar amount to Legislative members present at the meeting.

It was also noted that open enrollment out of the district is the third largest spending category in the school budget.

Health insurance costs currently are very expensive, and the district is looking to lower costs and improve service. The Affordable Care Act has substantial impact on district insurance costs as it redefines full time employment hours from 40 to 30. Each individual added to the district insurance adds an additional cost of \$12,000/individual. District insurance does not currently meet the definition of affordable under ACA guidelines, and must be modified to be affordable to be in compliance.

The district has implemented a 5-year maintenance plan. The consultant suggested that for proper maintenance the district would expect to spend approximately

\$400,000/year to maintain our buildings in the manner in which they should be. It is duly noted that those funds are not available.

Technology has been neglected in past years. The district is looking to be proactive in technology needs, and has created a 5-year plan for consistent budgeting of technology.

At 6:55 p.m. the Board was called to recess to break for dinner.

R. Johnson left the meeting at 6:55 pm; there was no longer a quorum of members.

At 7:30 p.m. the Board came out of recess and went back into session.

It was noted that this is a preliminary balanced budget. The budget can change due to multiple factors:

- Open enrollments
- Enrollment numbers
- Federal decisions on the ACA definition of full time employment and
- The final passage of the State Budget.

Due to the lack of a quorum, all board members present: Pohl, J. Johnson, Strebe suggested to present to the board the recommendation of the proposed balanced budget. The proposed balanced budget will be presented as a recommendation of the Finance Committee (members present: Pohl & Strebe).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Joanne L. Johnson
Board Clerk