

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT #2342**  
**WEST CENTRAL AREA SECONDARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**  
**May 6, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Nessman. Members present were Grosz, Christenson, Strunk, Nessman, Beuckens, Sabolik, and Ulrich. Members Absent: None. Administration present: Hogie, Powers, Knutson, Prasch, and McNamara.

Visitors: Ken Johnson, Amy Linn, Kaye Buck, Chris Ray, and Nicole Hanson

Mr. Ken Johnson commented on the options that are on the table for the referendum. Neither of the options are wrong but there's one option that is better. It is extremely important that we look at the financial safety and health of the district. Saving \$500,000-\$600,000 per year is an extreme amount of money and we should be looking at a one site option. Single site option is where the district needs to be. The board needs to make a decision and move forward.

Motion by Strunk, seconded by Ulrich, to modify the agenda, adding und B.1 Approve Tracy Frykman as 5th Grade Teacher at BA Step 6 and B.3 Consider and Approve May 22, 20 as last instructional day for FY20. Roll Call Vote: Yes- Grosz, Sabolik, Beuckens, Christenson, Ulrich, Strunk, and Nessman. MCU

Motion by Christenson, seconded by Sabolik to hire Devonie Smith as Middle School Counselor at MA Step 1 and Matthew Nemece as Social Studies Teacher at BA Step 1 and Tracy Frykman as 5th-Grade Teacher at BA Step 6. Roll Call Vote: Yes-Grosz, Sabolik, Beuckens, Christenson, Ulrich, Strunk, and Nessman. MCU

Motion by Sabolik and seconded by Strunk to approve May 22, 20 as the last instructional day for FY20. Roll Call Vote: Yes- Beuckens, Christenson, Ulrich, Strunk, Nessman, Grosz, and Sabolik. MCU

Motion by Ulrich and seconded by Strunk to approve the monthly use of the Secondary School parking lot for Ruby's Pantry food distribution. Roll Call Vote: Yes - Sabolik, Beuckens, Christenson, Ulrich, Strunk, Nessman, Grosz. MCU

Discussion:

Mr. Hogie commented that with the recent hires we are only looking for a special education teacher at the secondary school at this time and also non-renewal of .13 FTE for Heidi Woodle due to scheduling conflicts.

Mr. Hogie discussed the current capital outlay. Currently, we have requests for \$257,000 which includes \$55,000 for a replacement for the Suburban and were able to cut approximately \$34,000 bringing requests to approximately \$168,000 for the year.

Ms. Powers commented we are currently budgeting for 10 more students for FY 21, but our General Fund revenue is about \$59,000 less than FY 20. The reason for this is because of \$307,000 in one-time revenue coming in in FY 20. The additional FY 21 revenue for 10 additional students, additional Spec Ed. Revenue and the 2% Gen Ed aid increase is \$252,675.  $\$307,000 - \$252,675 = \$54,325$ . The difference of about \$4600 ( $59,000 - 54,325$ ) is made up of small misc. items. Ms. Power also reported the FY 21 budget is still a work in progress. Currently, for the General Fund, it shows expenses over revenues in the amount of \$14,165, leaving a projected June 30, 2021 fund balance of \$3,551,878. The rest of the funds are still being worked on. There are many unknowns yet for next year due to COVID-19. Additional information and guidance is coming out almost daily.

Mr. Hogie answered a previous question regarding, we have 74 days before an election where we could cancel a vote at an election. August 21st would be the last day to schedule or cancel a November 3, 20 election.

Conversation by all board members regarding another survey option and also referendum election. Ms. Strunk commented that we need to continue to move forward and get a plan ready so that we can get information out to the public. Mr. Grosz would like to see another survey to see what the community has to say about the updated options. There are some changes to options due to answering the public's comments from the first survey. Ms.

Beuckens commented that we need to keep moving forward. If we wait too long with the November election coming the board may look different and we may be back to square one. Ms. Nessman commented she would like to see another survey also. Mr. Christenson commented that it still isn't a good time to put another survey out with everything that is going on with COVID-19. Families are feeling the pressure right now. We may not get the answers that we are looking for. Mr. Sabolik commented that we need to keep moving on. We have the information and we need to find ways to disseminate the information to the community for a November Election.

Mr. Hogie commented that if we are going to do another survey with School Perceptions in regards to a November election, surveys would be distributed July 6-8 with a July 31st closing date.

Mr. Hogie commented on 5th-grade classroom location options for FY21:

- a. Maintain 3 Sections of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Barrett

Benefits: Maintains established sharing of instructional sharing between teachers  
Staffing schedule remains consistent with prior years

Detriments: Lack of space at Secondary School requires renovation for Math & Sp.Ed. space

- b. Have FY21 4th-grade students at North, attend 5<sup>th</sup> grade at North

Benefits: Allows classroom space for Math instructor with no need for renovation

Detriments: Disappointment for current North 4<sup>th</sup> grade students looking forward to moving  
Requires two spaces to be renovated: one for 5<sup>th</sup> and another for K?  
This option will likely require one 5<sup>th</sup> grade section to remain at South for FY22  
Disrupts established 5th-grade collaboration  
Disrupts Secondary School scheduling for music, band, gym  
PE, band, and music would need to be scheduled at North for 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Mr. Hogie commented that we may be able to look at other options such as sharing classroom space and he has strong reservations about separating 5th graders. We are still in need of a math space at secondary school.

Mr. Hogie provided contracts for ZBA and GCS for the board to review. Contracts are an AIA template and additions are indicated by a vertical line in the left margin. Mr. Hogie determined that services, percentages, and dollar amounts are consistent with proposals.

Motion by Sabolik, seconded by Christenson, to adjourn. MCU

Sara Strunk  
Clerk