



USD 232 BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICIAL MINUTES -- SPECIAL MEETING

Administrative Office (35200 West 91st Street, De Soto, KS)

October 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the President, Mrs. Rachele Zade. A quorum of the Board was present. Board members and administrators present were as follows:

Board Members: Dick Dearwester
Bill Fletcher
Angela Handy
Danielle Heikes (*Arrived at 5:03 p.m.*)
Kevin Makalous
Mitch Powers
Rachele Zade

Administrators: Deb Atwell, Facilities Coordinator
Alvie Cater, Assistant Superintendent of Administration & Educational Services
Steve Deghand, Director of Facilities
Wendy Denham, Board Clerk
Carrie Handy, Director of Human Resources/Elementary
Frank Harwood, Superintendent
Michelle Hite, Director of School Improvement
Joe Kelly, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Ken Larsen, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations
Jolynn Mortenson, Director of Student Nutrition
Brandon Riffel, Director of Technology
Brian Schwanz, Director of Human Resources/Secondary
Cindy Swartz, Technology Integration Coordinator

DISCUSSION ITEM.

Facility Needs. Superintendent Harwood reviewed Strategy #4 of District Goals that were adopted in August: Study current and projected facility needs that go beyond the scope of the 10 Year Capital Outlay plan and propose solutions to any future concerns including possible funding sources. He noted that this evening there were six areas of focus: High School Facilities, Career & Technical Education, Safety & Security, Early Childhood Education, Educational Technology and Future District Needs.

Danielle Heikes arrived at 5:03 p.m.

Superintendent Harwood then proceeded to review a list of projects that were identified with the assistance of the Facilities Focus Group. He shared the rationale for each project and cost estimates, noting that the total estimated cost for all projects was \$68,464,588.

Dick Dearwester left the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions about any of the projects.

Dick Dearwester returned to open session at 6:10 p.m.

Ken Larsen, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, shared details on the District's current bond indebtedness and payment schedule, along with future estimates that take into account anticipated savings by refunding the 2009 and 2010 bond issues. He then demonstrated how the mill levy would decrease if \$75,000,000 in new bonds were to be issued (\$25M in FY 2019-20, \$25M in FY 2020-2021, and \$25M in FY 2021-2022). He noted that these estimates, which were based on 3% annual valuation growth and a projected 4% interest rate on new bond issues, were conservative.

President Zade declared a five minute break at 6:16 p.m.

The Board returned to open session and President Zade called the meeting back to order at 6:22 p.m.

Superintendent Harwood asked if the Board was interested in doing a bond proposal. Board members were in consensus in proceeding with a bond. Superintendent Harwood then asked the Board if they were comfortable with the suggested \$75 million bond that could be managed without an increase in the Bond mill levy. Board members were in consensus with maximizing the bond amount without impact to the mill levy, while also ensuring all of the projects are completed and done right the first time.

Dick Dearwester left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Dick Dearwester returned to open session at 7:17 p.m.

Board members briefly discussed the timeline for developing a bond proposal and prioritizing projects that would be included in the package.

President Zade adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

November 6, 2017
Date Approved

Wendy S. Denham
Clerk, Board of Education

Rachelle M. Zade
President, Board of Education