

Leola School District 44-2

Unofficial Proceedings Special Meeting

November 20, 2012

Chairman Nathan Hoffman called a special meeting of the Leola School District Board of Education to order on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 6:02 pm. Roll call showed members Susan Berreth, Patrick Lapka, and Re Etta Sieh present. Darci Wolff was on conference call speaker phone. Others attending were Superintendent Julie Nikolas, HS Principal/Technology Coordinator Cynthia Rall, Business Manager Deb Weiszhaar, HKG Architects Dean Marske and Andy Schaunaman, and a small gathering of patrons.

A quorum was established.

Motion 12-085 by Berreth/Sieh to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Superintendent Nikolas requested that a teacher be hired for the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade pod for the second semester. The classes will be maintained with the current teachers and para-professionals until a teacher is hired.

Motion 12-086 by Berreth/Lapka to hire an additional elementary teacher. Motion carried.

Chairman Hoffman led a discussion on options available for the building project.

Deb Weiszhaar presented the following information received from Dougherty Inc. and Meierhenry Bond Counsel:

The funding has been received. If the building is not to be built the interest would have to be paid on the certificate proceeds for five years before it could be returned. The IRS would have to be notified of the account and the interest accrued, if no building is constructed. The certificate proceeds are currently in an interest bearing account. The interest rate cannot exceed 2.5399178% or the school would be penalized by the IRS and an audit would be performed at an approximate cost of \$15,000 to \$20,000. Interest is approximately \$90,000 per year, and with architectural fees that have been paid at this time. It would cost approximately \$630,000 to return the money.

The certificate proceeds must be spent on (1) construction of a new facility, (2) rehabilitation of the existing facilities, or (3) purchase of equipment of those facilities with 3 years of date of issuance. An additional restriction is that the total average useful life of all facilities, improvements or equipment constructed or purchased must exceed 12.0528 years.

Remodel discussion included fire safety issues, plumbing issues, elevator additions, sprinkler system, classroom doors, and the foundation of the middle section of the building.

New building discussion included changes that had been made to bring the bid down to the bid dollar amount such as: changing to a steel building, roofing, removing a hallway along the multipurpose room,

moving the concession stand in front of the kitchen area, removing asphalt by the building and replacing it with decorative rock rather than repaving, and adding an adjoining hallway that leads to the multipurpose room from the four new high school classrooms.

Motion 12-087 by Sieh/Berreth to re-bid the building plans for the new school building as currently presented. Roll call vote: Berreth-aye, Lapka-aye, Sieh-aye, Wolff-aye, Hoffman-aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Hoffman requested HKG Architects proceed with the adjustments to the building plan as discussed, and present it for bids as soon as possible.

Motion 12-088 by Lapka/Sieh to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Motion carried.

Board Chairman Date

Business Manager Date