

Randolph Central School Corporation

Board of School Trustees

Meeting Agenda

PROJECT & LEASE AMENDMENT HEARING

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Immediately following the Building Corporation Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Winchester Community High School Library
700 Union Street, Winchester, Indiana 47394

Welcome/Call to Order

Board President:

The next item on the agenda is for the Board to hold a hearing on the proposed renovation and maintenance project and the related Amendment to Lease. If you are interested in speaking at the hearing, please make sure you have signed the sign-in sheet at the back of the room which should include your name and address. After a presentation by the administration and its advisors, there will be an opportunity for the public to make comments about the project. At the hearing, we will ask that each person limit their comments to 3 minutes and that the topic be limited to the proposed project under consideration.

The Notice of this Project Hearing and Lease Hearing was published as legally required on June 10, 2021 in the News-Gazette.

At this time, I will ask that Steve Murphy, School Attorney explain the purpose of this hearing.

School Attorney:

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-26-7-37, before a school corporation may spend more than \$1,000,000 to build, repair or alter a school building that will be financed by a lease or bonds, it must hold a public hearing at which explanations of the potential value of the project to the school corporation and community are given.

Further, the proposed Amendment to Lease, and plans and estimates for the proposed project have been on file from the date of publication of the notice until today, in the Administration Building of the School Corporation. It is not necessary to review in detail all of the procedures to date since the Board is familiar with all steps heretofore taken, including the proposed Amendment to Lease, and the renovation plans and estimates, but if any person present has any questions concerning these documents or the previous actions of this Board, or other steps taken looking towards the renovation of the school buildings, the Board would be glad to answer the same.

This public hearing and the consideration of resolutions establish the maximum financial terms for the proposed project.

Board President:

We will now hear from the Superintendent about the process of determining and communicating the project to the community and the need for the project.

Superintendent:

{Discussion of how we got to the present scenario and the need for the project}.

Although not required by statute, Superintendent or his/her designee may also discuss the history and process to this point.

Board President:

We will now hear from the Superintendent about how the proposed project meets the needs, as described by the Superintendent.

Superintendent:

{Provide description of list of projects and how they address needs, and the expected timing of construction/renovation.}

Board President:

We will now hear from Mr. Murphy and/or Mr. Abraham about how the proposed project will be financed, as well as information about the effect on the typical property taxpayer.

School Attorney:

{Municipal advisor will provide financial information as shown in resolutions (hard & soft construction costs, costs of issuance, to equal total project costs; principal and estimated interest, annual lease rental, interest rates, tax rate increase & impact) on how the proposed project will be financed, as well as information about effect on the typical property taxpayer. He/she will also share the form of public question, if applicable.}

Board President:

We will now open the public hearing. Remember if you would like to speak, please sign in on the sheet which is located with at the table as you enter. As I mentioned earlier, we ask that you state your name and address, limit your comments to the proposed project and financing, keep any comments to 3 minutes, and avoid being repetitive, if possible. May I have the sign-in sheet now and I will begin calling the names of those who are interested in speaking?

{President should call names off the sheet. If any questions are asked, the Board President or Superintendent should direct those questions to the appropriate professional or staff person – not the Board members. The Board members should be seen as receiving this information too – not debating or answering the public’s questions at this point.}

Would anyone else like to speak? If so, please state your name and address and sign the sign-in sheet after you are done speaking.

Thank you to all who participated in the hearing. We appreciate your time and interest in the projects and the future of our community. Please note that the Board will continue to work with the administration and its professionals to look for efficiencies to conserve tax dollars while meeting our educational needs.

Adjournment

This meeting is a meeting of the School Board in public for the purpose of conducting the School Corporation’s business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be time for public participation as indicated by the agenda.

Upon timely request to the Superintendent, the Corporation shall make reasonable accommodation for a disabled person to be able to participate in this activity.

The members of Randolph Central School Board of Trustees are regularly updated by the Superintendent and other administrators about happenings in the district. They receive a large packet of information prior to every meeting. They are diligent in reading this information and staying updated on a variety of topics. The Randolph Central Board of School Trustees is committed to the “Best Practices” of the Indiana School Boards Association in that any questions are asked of the Superintendent prior to the meeting, and they come prepared to vote on issues at hand. While it might appear at times that the Board has not given careful consideration to matters on which they vote, they are, in fact, all fully prepared to cast their votes based on the information that is received prior to the meeting.