

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Minutes – Special Meeting
March 12, 2018

The President called the special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Urista called roll. Those present were Tom Allen, Kevin Amack, Bill deVergie, Bob Dorsett, Bud Ridings and Ms. Simonsen.

Absent: David Smith

Mr. Ridings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Amack moved to approve the Agenda as presented with a second from Mr. Allen. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

General Public Comment:

Mike Selle stated to the Board of Education that he believes with all the legislative debates going around about gun control that people are the problem not the guns.

Mr. Smith joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Action Items:

Mr. Selle noted that typically when you have a company provide the Public Policy work, that they are also the same company that completes the Underwriting Agreement. Mr. Selle received a Policy Agreement from George K Baum, but has not yet received names from the other two underwriting companies of Stifel and RBC Capital of who they contract with for the policy work. Mr. Selle also vetted George K Baum by calling some of his constituents that he respects. Consequently, Mr. Selle recommends the District contract with George K Baum for the Public Policy Agreement and the Underwriting Agreement.

Dr. Dorsett wondered how the fees were then paid to the contractor and is the district the entity that pays the fee. Mr. Selle stated that the fees were included in the purchase price of the Bond, thus the investor is the payee of the fee. Dr. Dorsett also wanted to guarantee that the District continues to offer programs if we are paying \$25,000 for this agreement. Mr. Selle assured Dr. Dorsett that the agreement is a one-time purchase and not an ongoing expense and he did not see the amount hindering future educational programs.

Mr. Smith would like to see the Board attempt the community survey on their own without contracting with an outside company as he believes that the community will accept the information better and will back the District better if we do.

Mr. Selle would like to engage the voters and give them factual information about the reasons for needing a new building and he believes George K Baum will fulfill this void.

Dr. Dorsett also asked if the community survey is a task that could be accomplished by some of our students as a project. Dr. Dorsett feels that this information is freely available and is a task that we can do internally. He believes this is better for the community and is more likely to succeed without the outside consultants telling the District what to do.

Mr. Selle noted that the \$25,000 does not just include the survey, but is also encompasses the consulting fees and behind the scenes support to the District on pursuing the Bond.

1. Acceptance: Bond Election Public Policy Services Agreement
2. Acceptance: Bond Election Underwriting Engagement Agreement

Mr. Amack moved to approve Action Item 1 and 2 and using George K Baum as the contractor, with a second from Mr. Allen. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Allen – aye, Mr. Amack – aye, Mr. deVergie – aye, Dr. Dorsett – no, Mr. Ridings – aye, Ms. Simonsen – aye, Mr. Smith – aye. Motion passes 6-1.

Other BOE Information:

- The Superintendent Evaluation Survey was sent to Administrators, three teachers in each building and Directors. The results will be compiled by the Board.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Bud Ridings, President

Tom Allen, Vice-President

David Smith, Secretary

Kevin Amack, Member

Bill deVergie, Member

Robert Dorsett, Member

Laura Simonsen, Member