

**Call to Order**

Board Chair Pam Glenn called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests.

**Action Items**

**Approve Bus Purchase**

Superintendent Waite reported that, after further investigation, Freightliner could not service the cab or transmission but could service the chassis and engine of the Thomas bus. It was also noted that the Thomas bus would not be available until December or January. Drew Williams stated that he could not receive a straight answer from La Grande Freightliner as to whether they would be able to provide warranty or service work if the Thomas bus was purchased. Mr. Williams informed the Board that Western Bus has a Bluebird in stock which could be delivered this summer. He felt that with the ease of service work from Barnes Diesel, the Bluebird would be the best option and recommended the bid of \$161,633 for purchase. Kaiger Braseth stated that he was OK with spending more money if disc brakes would be a better option. Kaiger Braseth made a motion to approve a bus purchase from Western Bus up to \$165,000. Jason Beck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Approve Guaranteed Maximum Price for Locker Room Project**

Superintendent Waite reported that, with the addition of the interior doors and painting, exterior concrete, and FRP brings the construction cost of the locker room to \$814,244. This does not include pre-construction costs. He noted that, after further discussion with Wellens, it was determined that the door package was \$45,000 and the interior painting was \$28,000. Discussion turned to the possibility of the district/volunteers installing the doors and painting the interior to reduce the costs and the door requirements per building codes.

After further discussion, Superintendent Waite asked what direction the Board wanted to go with the project. Kaiger Braseth stated that he does not feel that they have enough information on what the real issue is with the floor of the locker room. He proposed removing a portion of the floor and having the lines pressure tested. If the water/septic lines were not leaking he felt we could fix the problem for \$300,000.

Jason Beck stated that, based on the information we have received from previous professionals that have looked at the issue, he feels we can not fix the problem for \$300,000. There are too many unknowns and the district has been discussing this issue for much too long and he felt it was time to move forward. Drew Williams noted that by replacing the locker rooms, the district will be gaining much needed workable space for classroom/meeting room, storage, etc. Kaiger Braseth stated that it would be much cheaper to build additional classroom space than a new locker room. Ken Patterson stated he would be in favor of doing a pressure test. Superintendent Waite noted that if we back out of the project with Wellens, down the road, they would more than likely not be an option if it was decided to build new.

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Jason Beck moved to approve the GMP of \$814,244 for the Locker Room Project. Discussion continued. Kaiger Braseth expressed concern that this amount is significantly over the proposed maximum price of \$750,000 for the project. Ken Patterson expressed concern that walking away from the project at this point would deter contractors from future projects. Jason Beck agreed with Ken Patterson's concern.

Ken Patterson moved to amend the motion, removing the interior doors and painting for a GMP of no more than \$750,000 excluding pre-construction costs. Jason Beck seconded the motion. Jason Beck, Ken Patterson and Pam Glenn voted in favor of the motion while Joe Fisher abstained and Kaiger Braseth voted in opposition. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned the Special Meeting at 8:00 pm

**Board Members Present**

Jason Beck, Wade Bingaman, Kaiger Braseth, Joe Fisher, Pam Glenn and Ken Patterson.

**Others Present**

Randy Waite, Superintendent; Mike Mills, Principal/A.D.; Drew Williams and Teressa Dewey, Deputy Clerk.

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Chairman

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Deputy Clerk