

**Wolf Creek Local Board of Education**  
**Special Meeting – May 26, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The Wolf Creek Local Board of Education met in special session on May 26, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: G. Adams; H. Arnold; J. Barnett; R. Doak; S. Lang.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Mr. Hugh Arnold addressed the Board and asked for their direction on what they would like done with the issues of heating and cooling at Waterford Elementary. Several items need to be addressed before cooler weather comes to the area. Mr. Arnold stated that there were a couple of concerns the Board had with proceeding with the project. The first concern was the cost was double from the original rough estimate and the second concern was that Wolf Creek Contracting did not get a chance to submit a proposal.

Mr. Baldwin presented the Board some financial scenarios to show that the District would not be financially strapped or have to go to the community for a levy if the Board decided to go with the proposals that were submitted. Mr. Baldwin also stated that extra costs have already been put into patching the current system in preparation of proceeding with the proposed project. The repairs at the High School has been minimal.

Lance DeBenedictis (xPert Engineering) reminded the Board that his proposal was to fulfill their request of having a long-term energy savings with the 4(four) pipe hydraulic system and to renovate the buildings to the new building codes. Mr. DeBenedictis did a slide show of what the installation would provide and cost savings.

Mr. Arnold stated that he would like to proceed with the project to make the buildings better instead of nickel and diming to make them more comfortable for the kids.

Mr. Doak stated the following: Board has not been given direction but a sales pitch from xPert Engineering.

We understand that we need to do something but how and we have no idea of what the future holds.

Communication to the community.

Local contractors can put in individual rooms and cost between \$400,000 to \$450,000.

The proposed system is a cadillac system and cannot see the savings.

Can the windows be a separate item?

Relooked at prior meetings and emails for items discussing the project-found very little.

Would like to publicize more for the project.

Would like more local contractors and give them more opportunities to discuss what they can offer.

Not ready to proceed with the project and would like more information.

Mr. Barnett asked about the boring and putting in the gas line. Mr. Baldwin stated this would be a separate cost and was not sure of what that would be. Mr. Barnett stated that he would like to see local used for that part of the project.

Mr. Arnold stated the main reason for the project was to make the Elementary gas and not electric.

Mr. Adams stated the Board transferred the money to fund the heating and Cooling project and said that he would be extremely upset if nothing gets done. He hated to think that in the winter kids being cold and classrooms being heated by space heaters again.

Mr. Barnett does not want to bandaid the system anymore and wants to see new units put in.

Mr. Lang did as Mr. Doak and looked backed on previous meetings to see what was discussed about the project. He wished that Mr. DeBenedicitiis showed the presentation back in November instead of now. Mr. Lang was contacted by a couple of community members and was told the system being proposed was not a good option. Mr. Lang also agrees that the windows should be replaced in the near future.

Mr. Lang felt the someone dropped the ball in bidding out the project back in November and felt things were being rushed the last few months. Mr. Lang stated that Lang Contractors not being able to bid on the project did not influence his decision last meeting.

Attornies from Bricker & Eckler will get with Mr. Baldwin about separating the windows from the rest of the proposal.

Mr. Barnett stated the community was not in favor of putting that amount of money into the heating and cooling project.

**ADJOURNMENT**  
**RES. NO. 2020-077**

Motion by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Barnett to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

G. Adams, yes; H. Arnold, yes; J. Barnett, yes; R. Doak, yes; S. Lang, yes.

Meeting adjourned.

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President

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Treasurer