

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
WATERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14-4  
CODINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA  
(Pending School Board Approval)

The School Board of the Watertown School District No. 14-4 of Codington County, South Dakota convened pursuant to due notice at 5:32 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2022 in special session. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Tammy Rieber, Stuart Stein, Jean Moulton, Jon Iverson and Kari Lohr. Also in attendance were staff and administration of the District.

Chairman Tammy Rieber convened the Board for its special session by leading the Pledge to the Flag.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Chairman Rieber asked if any School Board member or administrator needed to disclose a conflict of interest on any agenda or non-agenda items. There were no conflicts disclosed.

AGENDA REVIEW/APPROVAL

Jon Iverson moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Jean Moulton seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

K-12 DISCUSSION ITEM

*Facility Review and Planning* – Heidi Clausen, Business Manager, presented information related to Capital Outlay planning and projections. Significant impacts on the fund were noted as well as a thorough review of five-year planning and identification of high cost projects and debt service. Information was shared regarding the allowability of the fund in terms of transfers and limitation of debt issuance. Stadium phasing, air conditioning of elementary buildings, future anticipation of construction or a remodel of Northeast Technical High School was also discussed. Jason Kann with CO-OP Architecture was present to discuss the current stadium project and presented information on future construction. Superintendent Dr. Jeff Danielsen made note of the need to secure funds with fundraising efforts to move forward with stadium phasing. General Fund and enrollment projections followed the discussion with notation of enrollment decline and the need to evaluate elementary buildings and the current utilization rate of buildings noted at 67%. Superintendent Dr. Danielsen shared information with the Board and discussed exploring avenues to consolidate schools to provide substantial cost savings as well as impact student demographics and equity of programs between buildings. Information was shared on demographics related to special education resources, free and reduced percentages, as well as student/teacher/staff ratios and programming at each building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Kari Lohr moved that the School Board go into executive session as allowed by SDCL 1-25-2(1) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters at 7:21 p.m. Jean Moulton seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

The Board returned to special meeting status at 7:54 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

Jon Iverson moved that the Watertown School Board adjourn its special meeting at 7:54 p.m. Jean Moulton seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

By: Heidi Clausen, Business Manager