

FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 29, 2016
BOARD ROOM – 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Michele at 6:58 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. TAKING OF THE ROLL

Present: Mrs. Juliet Michele Mr. Tobias Hutchins (via Skype)
Mr. Julio Almanza Mr. David Johnson
Mr. John Raak Mr. Jayson Hicks
Absent: Mr. Mark Ludwig

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Johnson, supported by Raak, that the Board of Education accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

F. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items:

1. REFINANCING BOND DEBT
Mr. Nate Watson from PFM discussed the potential refinancing of a portion of the current bond debt. This action would be able to happen in early 2017. The total potential cumulative savings is estimated to be \$1.8 million over the life of the bonds.
2. REVENUE OPTIONS FOR OTHER PROJECTS
Mr. Watson also presented other options to the Board, some of which tied to the refinancing discussion. In lieu of refinancing, the Board could elect to go to voters with a “no increase” bond proposal, extending the term of the bonds at the current millage rate. This would generate an estimated \$2.72 million after expenses. Alternatively, a millage increase request in combination with the extension could yield \$10 million (for a 1-mill increase) or \$16 million (for a 2-mill increase). The Board referred the matter to the Facilities and Transportation Committee for further study.
3. 432 W. MAIN PROPERTY
Mr. Weeldreyer reported on interest in the 432 W. Main property. The board determined not to take action at this time, but would study the matter further.

4. STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Mr. Weeldreyer presented two options for outside facilitation of a strategic planning process. After discussion, the Board would prefer to address needed topics internally (without an outside facilitator) at this time.

5. DISTRICT GOALS

The process of how to go forward with district goals was discussed in conjunction with the strategic planning process. The Board asked Mr. Weeldreyer to develop and submit goals for consideration at the next work session.

G. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE

Mr. Weeldreyer commented that the first day for staff went well.

The Personnel Committee discussed the Superintendent's Contract.

The calendar should be finalized tomorrow.

Mr. Johnson asked questions about the Board candidate forum and wondered if one had ever been done in the past.

Another work session will be set at the September Board meeting.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Johnson, supported by Hicks, to adjourn. (8:41 p.m.)

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Diane Beaty

Respectfully Submitted by,



Juliet Michele
Board Secretary