

DECEMBER 9, 2022

The Ashley school board held a special meeting to discuss the possible building renovations with the architect. Present: Lyle Fey, Kyle Thiery, Amy Schlepp, Jordan Jenner, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter, Tucker Meidinger*, Trevor Huffaker (EngTech).

Motion by Schlepp to approve the agenda of discussion points as presented by Mr. Huffaker. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Huffaker reviewed the project scope for each of the options being considered (\$1.5 million, \$3 million, \$5 million). The project scopes represent their opinion of what may be accomplished at each funding tier based on the current market \$ per square foot costs and the Capital Maintenance plan from Consolidated Construction. The tax impact information sheet was updated with current taxable valuations—the figures are based on a 4.25% loan, however if a bond was passed and we could secure the 2% loan instead, there would be less cost to the taxpayers.

Discussion on what we would want to see done if the referendum failed—agree would like to see the library/fitness center swap. None of the costs are going to get cheaper and the building needs improvements and updates. *Tucker Meidinger left the meeting at 8:28am.

Motion by Jenner to move forward with the request for a bond referendum for \$5 million. Second by Schlepp. Roll call vote: Thiery-yes, Schlepp-yes, Fey-yes, Jenner-yes, Litsey-yes; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Huffaker stated he would have the required official documents prepared for the December 14th meeting.

Board recessed from 8:37am-8:40am.

Discussion on when to hold the election, should have a couple public meetings prior. Decided election day would be February 7, 2022 from 9am to 7pm at the school. Will have public meetings on January 4th at 7:30pm and February 1st at 7:30pm.

Mr. Huffaker will help create an FAQ sheet as well as a fact sheet and tax calculator for public distribution and posting on the website. Board would like to do mailers as well—will check into number of routes in the district & number of copies needed for that.

Discussed an action committee—this is a citizen driven committee consisting of people promoting the project.

Discussion on hiring a construction manager—process takes about a month and should consider advertising for that right away if we want to hire one for the project. Motion by Schlepp to advertise the request for qualifications for construction management at risk services. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:38am.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President

