

November 20, 2017

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Somers School District 29 was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Somers Middle School Conference Room per Chairperson John Hollensteiner. Those in attendance stood for the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Board members present were John Hollensteiner, Jeremiah Jennings, Courtney Shaeffer, and Meredith Coopman. Logan Fox was excused. Administration present were Superintendent Joe Price, Somers Middle School Principal Rose McIntyre, Lakeside Elementary School Principal John Thies, and Clerk Diane Fetterhoff.

Visitors:

Heather Smith, Ben Umbriaco, Anne Gannon, Stephen L'Heureux, Beth Darnick, Coleene Torgerson, Tina Lerum, Holiday Madich, Luke Smith, Carly Hall, Connery Wiggin, and Hillary Matheson, Daily Interlake.

Minutes:

Courtney Shaeffer moved to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2017 Regular Board meeting and the October 26, 2017 Special Board Meeting. Meredith Coopman seconded the motion. For 4 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Public Participation:

Comments were heard from several members of the general public on matters which were not listed on the posted regular board meeting.

Heather Smith:

1. Questioned process for Administration Evaluation

John Hollensteiner noted that public participation was a venue for comments to be made, not a question and answer period. A different venue for response should be used.

Communications:

- a.) Swank Enterprises Congratulatory Letter.

- b.) Preliminary Bond Time Schedule.

- c.) Resolution Authorizing Issuance of the Bonds and Private Negotiated Sale Thereof.

- d.) LPW AIA Architect Contract Amendment.

- d.) Electric Usage Worksheet.

Policy Considerations/Changes:

- a.) Policy #2221 School Closure Revision – Final Reading Completed for Adoption.

- b.) Policy #3225 Sexual Harassment/Intimidation of Students Revision – Final Reading Completed for Adoption.

Committees / Reports:

Superintendent Report: Written report included in board packets.

Additionally:

- 1. Thanked everyone for working on the bond election.

Principal Reports: Written Reports included in board packets.

Lakeside Elementary School Principal John Thies Additionally:

- 1. Lakeside Parent/Teacher Conferences – 94% turnout.
- 2. Noting a significant decline in behavior issues.

Staff Reports:

Anne Gannon, Lakeside Elementary Music

1. Invited board members to attend the holiday music programs.

Buildings and Facilities Discussion:

Connery Wiggin, District resident in attendance spoke on behalf of consideration for keeping the new school building \$'s in the Flathead Valley instead of out of area service providers. He further added that he had reviewed the estimates for construction and did not see any for the lower parking lot area, which he noted was located on a marshy area. Questioned why the district was considering awarding contract to LPW instead of proceeding with the RFQ bid process to select the best qualified candidate. Felt the board was not exhibiting due diligence. In summarizing, Mr. Wiggin stated: "Life safety of students and administration is something we don't think about until a natural disaster such as an earthquake happens but as a licensed Professional Engineer I believe it is an important consideration for an RFQ process that a firm is hired based on the life safety qualifications for a formal building design. I have reviewed the previously issued RFQ for Somers Middle School Planning Assessment and there is no consideration listed for qualifications required related to building design nor life safety. I believe a new and formal RFQ process is appropriate due to the additional qualifications needed for a building design phase being exceedingly different from the planning phase. This would ensure that the board has chosen the most qualified team based on the new set of design team requirements while also ensuring the safety of the students utilizing the building."

Steven L'Heureux, LPW stated that 52% of the work will remain in the Flathead Valley.

Jeremiah Jennings noted that with the MTSBA input regarding language of the submitted contract, he for one felt comfortable going ahead with the selection of LPW for the Architectural Firm.

Courtney Shaeffer and John Hollensteiner both agreed that communication and a good working relationship are needed to proceed with the building and we already have that relationship with LPW.

Financial and Federal Programs Committee: No Report

Disciplinary and Public Relations Committee: No Report

Buildings, Facilities and Grounds Committee: No Report

Transportation and School Food Committee: No Report

Curriculum and Extracurricular/PIR-CP Committee: No Report

Policy Committee: Recommendation for above policies as presented for Final Readings for Adoption

Negotiations Committee: No Report

Personnel Committee: No Report.

Schedule Meetings:

- a.) Regular Monthly Meeting – December 18, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. –Lakeside Elementary School

Consent Agenda:

Courtney Shaeffer moved to:

- a.) Approve 2017-18 Student Attendance Request w/attachment

- b.) Disapprove 2017-18 Student Attendance Requests (10) to Swan River School District

- c.) Disapprove 2017-18 Student Attendance Requests (26) to Bigfork School District

- d.) Disapprove 2017-18 Student Attendance Requests (14) to Kalispell School District

Meredith Coopman seconded the motion. For 4 Opposed 0. Motions carried.

Singular Action Items:

- a.) Courtney Shaeffer moved to approve the preliminary bond time schedule as presented. Jeremiah Jennings seconded the motion. Discussion. For 4 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

- b.) Courtney Shaeffer moved to adopt the resolution authorizing issuance of bonds as prepared by Dorsey & Whitney. Jeremiah Jennings seconded the motion. Discussion. For 4 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

- c.) Jeremiah Jennings moved to appoint Courtney Shaeffer as additional member of the board for the bond committee. Meredith Coopman seconded the motion. For 4 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

- d.) Jeremiah Jennings moved to select LPW as the architectural firm for the building project. Courtney Shaeffer seconded the motion. Discussion. For 4 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Courtney Shaeffer moved that expenditures presented for payment be approved Jeremiah Jennings seconded the motion. Discussion. For 4 Opposed 0. Motion Carried.

Courtney Shaeffer moved that the meeting adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

John Hollenstiner, Chairperson

Diane J. Fetterhoff, Clerk