

WORK SESSION MEETING

Monday, September 25, 2023

HLWW HS Media Center

The Monday, September 25, 2023 School Board Work Session meeting of Independent School Dist. #2687 (Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted) was called to order at 6:32 pm. by Chairperson Heuer. After the pledge of allegiance, roll was taken with the following members present: Heuer, Koch, Borrell, Bravinder, Marketon, Mulvihill and Puncochar. Also present were Superintendent Nate Walbruch and Board Secretary Marilyn Greeley.

(Item IV) Bravinder recommended approval of the agenda; Koch seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item V) Borrell recommended approval of the consent agenda which included the employment of **Marie Pacheco** as a middle school Special Ed Para effective the 2023-24 school year; and **Emma Bresnahan** as a Humphrey Elementary Para effective the 2023-24 school year. Positions were approved at the August 14th meeting; Marketon seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VI, Subd. A) Aaron Bushberger from Ehlers reviewed the presale report and the resolution for the intention to sell bonds. Bushberger indicated at this time we recommend a pause due to the increase in interest rates, however if the board would approve the resolution at this time, it would help expedite the process in the future if the rates come down.

Heuer reported this is not for any new debt, but to keep an eye on things and when or if it is beneficial to the district, we are able to move forward quicker. Heuer asked how long the intent stays open. Bushberger said about a year.

(Item VI, Subd. B) Heuer asked if everyone had reviewed the resolution. Aaron Bushberger from Ehlers was also present to answer questions.

Marketon recommended approval of the Resolution Stating the Intention of the School Board to Issue General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2023A, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Approximately \$18,165,000, and taking other actions with respect thereto; Bravinder seconded; those in favor: Marketon, Mulvihill, Puncochar, Koch, Borrell, Bravinder and Heuer; opposed: none; passed unanimously.

(Item VI, Subd. C) Megan Tormanen, Business Manager, recommended certifying the maximum at this time, which will give us the most flexibility.

Bravinder motioned to approve the maximum certification of the proposed 2023 payable 2024 property levy; Koch seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VI, Subd. D) Borrell recommended approval of the additional fall coaching staff; Mulvihill seconded; those in favor: Puncochar, Mulvihill, Marketon, Koch, Borrell and Heuer; those abstaining: Bravinder; those opposed: none: passed by majority.

(Item VI, Subd. E) Heuer reviewed the Driver's Education request, and indicated there is no impact to the district; student fees cover the cost of the program.

Koch recommended approval for the increase for driver's education instructors; Puncochar seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VI, Subd. F) Superintendent Walbruch reviewed the teacher retirement request. Borrell recommended approval of the teacher retirement request; Puncochar seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item VI, Subd. G) Superintendent Walbruch reported there are three versions of the levy presentation based upon how much time you have available for the presentation. Borrell asked if some of the charts can be made into poster size. Walbruch reviewed which community meetings were coming up. Koch indicated she is still working on getting on the agenda with the Lions.

(Item VII, Subd. A) Upcoming Board Member Event Appearances:

Homecoming Week-October 8-14

Homecoming Coronation-October 9-Afternoon

Homecoming Game-October 13

Leea Awards-October 25-Resource Training @ 4:30pm, Bravinder

High School Band Concert-October 30 @ 7pm

High School Choir Concert-November 9 @ 7pm

Educational Support Staff-November 15-Resource Training @ 4:30pm Bravinder

Fall Musical-November 17-18

High School Band Concert-December 4 @ 7pm

High School Choir Concert-December 14 @ 7pm

Students of Excellence-April 24-Resource Training @ 4:30pm Bravinder

(Item VII, Subd. B) Heuer indicated we are in a holding pattern with negotiations until after the levy.

Puncochar indicated that MAWSECO meets tomorrow night.

(Item VIII) Next Meeting Dates:

Budget Committee Meeting- October 9 @ 5:30pm-DO Conf. Rm

School Board Meeting-October 9 @ 6:30pm-HLWW HS Media Center

Special School Board Meeting – October 16 @ 6:30pm-HLWW HS Media Center

School Board Work Session-October 23 @ 6:30pm-HLWW HS Media Center

Heuer indicated she will be absent for the October work session meeting.

(Item IX) Items for next meeting

Regular Meeting:

- Bill Reader for October-Marketon
- Bill Reader for November-Puncochar
- Bill Reader for December-Mulvihill
- Department Report
- Recognition's
- Leave/Resignations/Retirements

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- Employment Recommendations/Lane Changes
- Approve Second Reading of Policies
- Approve First Reading of Policies
- Approve Treasurer Report-January, April, July, October
- Monthly Budget Report
- Worlds Best Workforce Plan Presentation (Approve in November)
- Approve Resolution Appointing Election Judges
- Discuss Fall Levy

Special Board meeting

- Discuss Fall Levy
- Discuss

Work Session:

- Discuss
- Discuss

Heuer adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch, Clerk