

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Chair Ron Pagel called the special meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 6:00 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Tamara DeMuth, Heather Duellman (arrived at 6:01 PM), Riley Hammel, Jessica McFarlan, Shawna Seaquist, and Superintendent Jeremy Frie. Absent: James Johnson. Also in attendance were Middle School Principal John Ostrowski, District Office Assistant Laura Kase, and Rob Brown, of Nexus.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Agenda

A motion was made by Member McFarlan, seconded by Member Hammel, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Referendum Proposal Review & Comment– Chair Pagel started by explaining that the purpose of the meeting was to hold the Review and Comment on the School Construction Proposal of Dover-Eyota Public School District. Chair Pagel noted that the Department of Education had expressed that the proposal was well done. Superintendent Frie noted that the Department of Education said, “The district does not anticipate a significant increase in operational costs from the approximately 19,000 square feet of additional building space proposed in the two ballot questions. Energy savings from proposed HVAC and lighting upgrades are expected to mitigate potential operational cost increases. The proposed projects appear to be in the long-term interest of the school district.” Rob Brown, of Nexus, said that Nexus would ensure the rebates and related energy-savings went back to the school. Member Hammel inquired about options in the event that the project came in under the proposed project. Chair Pagel reviewed the options. Chair Pagel and Superintendent Frie reiterated that the Board wants to do what is in the best interest of the School District and the taxpayers. Guest Beth Hoffman inquired how the Board planned to share general information about the proposed project with the community. The Board shared that the information had been included in mailers and emails sent to the community, published in the *Eagle* newspaper, and posted on the school website and social media sites. There will also be informational meetings on Wednesday, July 20, at 7 PM, and Wednesday, July 27, both at DEHS. There will also be a Facebook Live event on Thursday, July 21, at 7 PM.
- B. Approval of the 10-year Long-Term Facility Maintenance Revenue/Expenditure Budget– Chair Pagel explained that this item had been tabled at the July 11 Board meeting per Superintendent Frie’s request. Since the July 11 meeting, Superintendent Frie had time to thoroughly review the information, and recommended no changes. Superintendent Frie stated that the plan allowed for a healthy balance. A motion was made by Member DeMuth, seconded by Member McFarlan, and carried unanimously to approve the 10-year Long-Term Facility Maintenance Revenue/Expenditure Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member DeMuth, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 PM.

Heather Duellman, Clerk
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