

# **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, May 16, 2022

Chair Ron Pagel called the special meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 7:30 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Tamara DeMuth, Heather Duellman, Riley Hammel, James Johnson, Jessica McFarlan, Shawna Seaquist and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: None. Also in attendance was Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein and Rob Brown with Nexus. Joining the meeting remotely from Nexus was Mark Lenz, Russ Schumacher, Sari Ronnholm, Brent Jones, and Margaret Bishop.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## Approve the Agenda

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Review/Discuss Referendum Proposal – Chair Pagel shared with the board and the Nexus team why this Special Board Meeting had been called. Mr. Brent Jones with Nexus joined the meeting via Zoom and started off by going through the project plans connected to questions 2. The Board discussed questions 2 and the different projects involved with that question in detail. There were many aspects discussed from raising the band room roof, to the elementary windows and STEM lab.

Ms. Sari Ronnholm joined the meeting via Zoom to share her expert opinions on the band room proposals. She has worked on a lot of the music rehearsal spaces throughout the state of Minnesota and stated that if this was a new build then the roof would definitely be made higher, however with the structure already existing, increasing the size of the room as stated in question one, would be a significant improvement and any further work done to the roof wouldn't provide the results the band instructor is expecting. This was discussed with the board members and it was decided to take raising the band roof out of question 2. Other items discussed were repairing the elementary school windows it was discussed and decided that the 4 window which need repair will be left in question 2 and the other 47 windows will be address down the road when needed.

A motion was made by Member DeMuth, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approved the revised questions as stated. The questions will be presented to the School Board on May 23, 2022.

Member Duellman requested that the School Board discuss another aspect of the referendum project before adjourning. Member McFarlan seconded this request. Member Duellman suggested the district hire a third party to represent the district during this referendum project, a Project Manager or Owners Representative. The School Board discussed this topic at length with each member sharing their thoughts. It was discussed that having a third party involved may not be a bad idea, but that this person wouldn't be needed until the referendum passes and the district was able to move onto phase two.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member McFarlan, seconded by Member Hammel, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Heather Duellman, Clerk  
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