

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2019

Chair Ron Pagel called the special meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 6:03PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Julie Austinson, Don Andring, James Johnson, Jessica McFarlan, Linda Nelson, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: Matt Wrubel. Also in attendance were Business Manager Gary Betcher, Transportation Director Dustin Pagel and Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Agenda

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bus Garage

With Member Andring abstaining

A motion was made by Member McFarlan seconded by member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve moving forward with building the bus garage with the alternate storage.

Chair Pagel started the discussion by sharing that the bids were opened on June 11, 2019. He shared that the bids came in higher than the Board wanted to see due to this, General Contractor, Mr. Buck Gosse, went back to the winning bids to see what they could do to make their bids more affordable. This process is called value engineering and by utilizing this process \$61,662.00 was deducted from the bus garage base bids and \$14,640 was deducted from the storage (alternate) bids. After the value engineering numbers were submitted Mr. Gosse re-calculated the numbers and the net bus garage base bid came in at \$794, 241.00. This number includes; management fees, general requirements, site work, concrete, building, doors, plumbing, HVAC and electrical work for the bus garage base bid. The removal of asbestos in the old building will be an added fee, but could be paid for out of another fund. The storage (alternate) bids after the value engineering numbers were submitted came in at \$266,349.00. The total project cost (base bid + alternate) is \$1,060,590. This number is higher than the Board wanted to see, but after consulting with Mr. Gosse, it is believed to be a good number. Mr. Gosse shared that the contractors believe that the total project could be done this year, although not before school starts.

Business Manager, Mr. Gary Betcher, went through the budget and explained what the district can afford and where funds would be projected to be at the end of this project. There was discussion about the different funds, what the money in each fund can be used for, and what projects would be left on the wish list or what the remaining funds could be used for or would need to be set aside for. Chair Pagel stated that although this is more than the Board wanted to or had planned on spending, the money has been saved, and if both aspects of the project are completed now, the project is done and there would not be a need to bring contractors back and have to go through this process again. He also stated that this will be a nice building, done right and will be protecting other district investments for years to come.

Chair Pagel explained that the Board would need to act on this project and the options were to do nothing, dismiss all bids and continue discussions and planning for future date, to accept bids for the basic bus garage and move forward with that project, or to accept bids for the basic bus garage plus the alternate storage.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk

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