

The work session of the Board of Education, School District #363 was held at the Northome School on Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brian Dreher at 6:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Visitors: MacKenzie Lehn, Alissa Carlson

Municipal Advisory Firm Ehlers discussed what an abatement tax payment bond would look like to fund a potential parking lot improvement project. With an abatement tax payment bond, a portion of the parking lot project could be funded by state aid and the remaining portion could be tax funded. This project would likely secure a 10-year bond but other term options are also available. There are also levy offset options along with this process which could be reevaluated each year. Ehlers concluded with a monthly timeline of what steps would be taken if the school board was interested in proceeding with this option of project funding including a public meeting that would be held for taxpayers.

Dave and Jim from McLaughlin Auctioneers discussed the sale of Indus items and/or the school building. McLaughlin Auctioneers revised their man hours from 300-400 to approximately 250 hours due to AI software programming on cataloging items. The sale of the Indus school building would be subject to board approval and the goal would be to have the sale in July or August of this year. McLaughlin Auctioneers would be marketing the sale of the building and looking for potential buyers. The marketing would be dependent on the completion of the sale of the building items. The auction process is transparent and the bidding process was discussed in detail.

There was not a work session scheduled for May 2025.

Moved by Malisa Schue, seconded by Scott Mai to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Brian Dreher, Chairperson

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Malisa Schue, Clerk

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Emily Lindley, Treasurer