

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
April 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.  
Forum Room, Secondary Building  
Crosby, MN

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Special meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Forum Room, at 6:00 p.m. on April 29, 2024 with Chair Mike Domin presiding.

Members Present: Barb Neprud, Mike Domin, Beth Hautala, Laura Lee, Tommy Sablan and Superintendent Jamie Skjeveland. Kim Coughlin was absent.

Chair Domin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approve Agenda-Motion by Sablan, second by Lee to approve the agenda. All voting aye, and the motion carried.

Discussion – Community Survey – Daren Sievers from School Perceptions was available by Zoom to provide a presentation on a community survey. Following the presentation, there was a time for questions. Sievers described the process School Perceptions uses to develop survey questions, how the survey is administered and how responses are reported out. Sievers explained that in order for the information to be used for a potential operating referendum election in November 2024, timing was short and there is some urgency, based on the timeline provided, to get the process started so that results would be available in late July or early August. The Board would need to consider a resolution to authorize an operating referendum election question on the November 5, 2024 ballot by August 23, 2024.

The School Board discussed issues relating to the timing of the survey, the scope of the survey and what would be expected. The survey can be used to help identify tax tolerance, community support for the School District and, in a full-scale survey, be used to identify what the community sees as important or valuable in their community school. The final goal is to have a survey that provides questions that are informational in terms of the School District going out for an operating referendum and be a tool to help educate the community about the need for the operating referendum as well as provide information to the School District about community perceptions of the School District.

Approve Contract to Conduct Community Survey- Motion by Sablan, second by Hautala to approve entering into a contract with School Perceptions to conduct a survey that focuses on education and awareness of the community regarding the need for an operating referendum. This would be a hybrid survey and not necessarily a full-scale survey. All voting aye, except Domin voted no, and the motion carried.

The next regular Board meeting will be May 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Forum Room.

Adjourn-Motion by Neprud, second by Lee to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. All voting aye, and the motion carried

Recorded by Wm Tollefson

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Barbara Neprud, Clerk