



LAKEVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2167

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Resolution of Support SF2615/HF2917

Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS on February 9, 2021 voters living within the Lakeview school district approved a bond referendum for the betterment of school facilities; and

WHEREAS the leadership of the school district provided extensive information to residents about the benefits of its facilities project, including safety, security, deferred capital projects, classroom, and other facility improvements; and

WHEREAS the school district obtained accurate estimates of project costs from licensed experts prior to approval of the referendum, including contingency funds in case of unforeseen events; and

WHEREAS the leadership of the school district shared these costs of the project and the projected tax impact with local property owners; and

WHEREAS prior to the referendum, the school district received a positive Review and Comment letter from the Minnesota Department of Education, the highest rating available, demonstrating that the project is educationally and financially advisable; and

WHEREAS the school district subsequently followed state law by publicly requesting construction bids for its facilities project, seeking to award contracts based on the lowest bids from qualified contractors; and

WHEREAS as the school district evaluated these bids, it determined that the facilities project was challenged by unprecedented construction inflation, exceeding 25% of pre-referendum estimates for some areas of the project; and

WHEREAS the school district has taken steps to refine the facilities project to respond to this unprecedented construction inflation, but has determined that further changes in project scope will threaten the goal of the betterment of school facilities in the manner that local voters understood;

WHEREAS the Minnesota Legislature has stepped up in the past when school districts have faced unusual circumstances beyond their control that have impacted the quality of their facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the elected members of the board of the Lakeview school district request that the Minnesota Legislature pass Senate File 2615 and House File 2917, assisting local school districts that were affected by unprecedented construction inflation.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member _____ and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

And the following voted against the same:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Tracy Sterner, School Board Clerk

Date

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