

SPECIAL
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Matt Boebel called the special meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2022 in an in person and virtual setting. The District invited the public to join the School Board this evening by Zoom webinar platform.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Patrick Devitt, Mr. Michael Lenisa, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mrs. Kari Zehme, Mr. Matt Boebel

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Greg Leyden, Rick McCall, Nicole Gabany, John Reiniche, Shannon Whitaker, Marcos Rosales, Edward Wright of DLA Architects, Ryan Kelley of DLA Architects, Collin Corbett of Cor Strategies, Dee Molinare of IASB

Public Comment

None

Discussion Items

10 Year Projection of Facility Related Expenditures

Greg Leyden, Director of Buildings and Grounds reviewed the 10 Year Operations and Maintenance Expenditure Projections presentation with the group. He indicated that the projects were not listed by priority, and that this is a living plan that will change as priorities and funding changes. Total O&M expenditures through 2031 are projected to be \$4,457,000 for DuJardin, \$5,499,000 for Erickson, and \$8,843,000 for Westfield. For 2023, the total O&M expenditures for the District are projected to be \$18,799,000 and District Capital Projects are forecasted to be \$15,860,000, for a total of \$34,659,000. Mr. Leyden informed the group that the amounts shown do not include architect fees, contingencies or inflation.

Staff and Student Survey Results

Edward Wright of DLA Architects presented the results of the Staff and Student Survey. He indicated that they are still compiling information, but to date, they have received responses from 54 staff members and 14 students. Most items were ranked as meets expectations. Some of the items that were marked as higher priorities were classrooms, collaborative spaces, lunch rooms and media centers. Group learning

spaces, individual spaces and Special Ed spaces were all rated as not quite meeting expectations. Board President, Matt Boebel asked if there are any critical items that we are missing. Mr. Wright stated that a lot of that information would come from our curriculum. He also indicated that splitting the gym from the cafeteria could be beneficial so that when the cafeteria is not in use, it could be used as a multipurpose room. Board Member, Terry McKeown requested that the comments be broken out by school. Mr. Wright said that he will get that information sorted by school for the Board.

Community Engagement

Collin Corbett of Cor Strategies was present to discuss what EO Sullivan's community engagement campaign would look like and the importance of a community driven plan. He indicated that this would be a 4 phase project; Phase 1: Gather overall community feedback on district challenges & opportunities while laying groundwork for engagement through messaging; Phase 2: Identify community priorities and willingness to fund infrastructure solutions; Phase 3: Drive to community consensus on a final plan; and Phase 4: Finalize community-driven plan and publicize. Mr. Corbett indicated that if the Board decides to pursue a referendum, there are 3 upcoming elections, a primary election in June 2022, a general election in November 2022 and a municipal election in April 2023. Based on past experiences, the general election in November would be the preferred election to target.

Financing the Facilities Projects

Finance Director, John Reiniche reviewed a few different options the District could potentially fund the facilities projects. He indicated that each year, as part of the annual tax levy, the District allocates approximately \$400,000 in the Operation and Maintenance Fund for Facility Improvements, which could provide a possible source of funding over 10 years. Another potential source would be to reducing the fund balance by \$4,000,000 from 66% to 43% of the reserve. Finally, proposing a referendum in the amount of \$20 Million, \$25 Million or \$30 Million. Mr. Reiniche included a summary using \$25 Million as the referendum total combined with the fund balance reserves and the annual O&M funding for a total funding source of \$33,000,000.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. McKeown to adjourn to closed session to discuss the Board Self-Evaluation.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, McKeown, Devitt, Lenisa, Peterson, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Ms. Peterson to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Matt Boebel, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary