

AITKIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Aitkin Public Schools was held Monday, November 4, 2019, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Aitkin High School - Media Center & 4300 Willow Drive, Medina, MN.

1. Call meeting to order by the chairperson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hills.

2. Roll call by the clerk.

In attendance were Ms. Hills, Mr. Janzen, Mr. Hasskamp, Mr. Hoge, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Bailey. Mr. Chute attended via Skype.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of agenda - revise or remove as needed.

Mr. Hoge made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and the motion passed with all members in favor of it.

5. *Comments from visitors.

There were no comments from visitors.

A. Comments from visitors must be informational in nature and not exceed five (5) minutes per issue. The Board cannot engage in a discussion or debate in this five minutes but will take the information and find answers if that is appropriate. As part of board protocol, it is unacceptable for any speaker to slander or engage in character assassination at a public board meeting.

6. Scheduled presentations:

A. Ashleigh Maxon, Minnesota State University, Mankato

1. Vaping - Ms. Maxon shared her history as part of her classes that she is taking for nursing and she has spoken to nurses and the Sheriff in town. She was asking for the schools help to stop vaping. She would like to start a school based smoking tobacco cessation class quarterly or monthly. This is a national issue. Our young people are statistically dying of lung issues. There is also a high percentage of vaping THC. She is proposing a survey to the kids that would be interested in quitting. Mr. Stifter shared that we are working with Erin Melz at the County level to get some help. See the attached report.

7. New business:

A. Consider and approve Resolution of School Board Supporting Form A, application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation.

The Resolution was discussed. Mr. Hasskamp made the motion to approve, Mr. Janzen seconded the vote with all members in favor.

B. Presentation of Secure Entry Options - Scott Sosalla

The disadvantage of the other plans is that there is reception areas on both ends of the building. See attached Secure Entry with Options B & C combined. There will be no changes to the Art Room and Tech programs. There will be blinds on the glass windows where the Principal and the Principals Assistant will be located.

Mr. Hasskamp shared that he had concerns with no one being in the area where classrooms are. There will be glass in the ramped halls as well. Mr. Hasskamp inquired where we were budget-wise. Mr. Sosalla stated that we would be in the \$750,000 range for the new area. This does not include the wrestling room. They would have to relocate that room. Mr. Chute shared that he thought it looked workable. The ramp up area is only for the band/music students. The auditorium wall will be insulated. The timeframe will start first week of February at the latest with bidding process. Mr. Ryan would like us to look at the Fab Lab, trades (construction) and Ag. He asked what it would take to look at this now and take it to the community and do it now. Mr. Stifter shared that he doesn't want us to wait until spring on this. Mr. Ryan would like to see what this would cost to the public. Mr. Janzen added that we should move forward on this plan. Mr. Hasskamp asked Mr. Sosalla when he would come back to us with a new drawing, approved by staff. Mr. Sosalla stated that he would come back for the November 25, 2019 Board meeting.

C. Strategic Planning

See attached Elevation pictures that were taken by Jeff Schiltz. A question was raised asking if this includes the Alt School. It will all depend on where we put utilities in. It was talked about to meet with the utilities people. It was also discussed to have one common parking lot. The next step with Jeff Schiltz is to find out what is buildable and what is not. Mr. Stifter stated the Jeff Schiltz has an idea where utilities should go.

The Board shared a lot of ideas. Some of the ideas were talking about the utilities, keeping the building more north with fields to the south. They talked about moving the Bus Garage first. Where would the Alt School go? Will the Ag Department use the Farm Buildings? The most important thing was to have a site plan identified with a concept map. All buildings would share one parking lot.

Mr. Chute brought up about the Bus Garage Area. We no longer use the Railroad property. Mr. Hasskamp shared that we put berm in. The Railroad still has 150' off the Rail road. We own the buildings. We are on a 99 year lease. That can change any time. The bus garage would be located away from the buildings. The Alt school could be separate or could be another wing of the complex.

8. Other - There were no other items talked about

9. Adjourn.

Mr. Hasskamp made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Janzen seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Administrative Assistant

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Cindi Hills

Chairperson

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