

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Council School District No. 13
Adams County, Idaho
Minutes of Special Board Meeting
July 19, 2017

The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Grossen at 6:02 p.m. in the high school library for the purpose of discussing the plant facilities levy, the biomass system and a board retreat/training. Other board members present were DR Bledsoe, Michael Paradis, Melissa Roundtree and Shawn Stanford. Also present were Superintendent Tim Jensen, District Clerk-Treasurer Cathy Lakey, Brian Joyce, and Jeff Howard.

Chairman Grossen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Plant Facilities Levy. Superintendent Jensen has looked into the groundwork laid by Mr. McCormick for the plant facilities levy, and while he agrees with the need for funding for repairs, he is concerned that at the end of the ten-year period, the district will still have extremely old buildings that will continue to need repairs. He also wasn't comfortable coming in at the late stages of the process and trying to get a group together and get the word out to the community. He is recommending putting the levy on hold. The issue with waiting is there would be no funds for the 2017-18 fiscal year, but there is no guarantee the levy would pass anyway. The district could run the levy again in November of 2017 or March of 2018, giving Mr. Jensen time to put together some ideas and come up with a holistic approach to building repairs and replacement. Since the county has already printed some of the documents for the election, the district would need to reimburse them for their costs. Discussion ensued. Moved by Shawn Stanford to rescind the levy proposal as presented to the clerk's office and postpone indefinitely the plant facilities election; seconded by Melissa Roundtree; motion carried.

Biomass System. Superintendent Jensen has been learning extensively about how the biomass operates, what problems the district is encountering with chip supply and equipment break-downs, and possible solutions. Mr. Jensen talked to Garden Valley and found out they will not be using their biomass system starting this heating season. They have had similar issues with chip quality and equipment issues and will be using propane from now on. There are many hidden costs associated with the system both in time and personnel costs and as it continues to age, the problems will only get worse. Even if the district continues to use chip for heating, the chip currently on site at the district is not of a quality to be used and Mr. Jensen requested permission to salvage the chip to interested parties. He would like to offer it first to the community and then possibly to large nurseries in other places. Moved by Shawn Stanford to give Mr. Jensen the authority to surplus the current chip supply as he can, selling when possible and donating if needed; seconded by Melissa Roundtree; motion carried. Shawn Stanford updated the board on the search for chip for 2017-18. He reported the forest service is writing a contract revision on a current timber sale so chip will be available to the district at a reduced cost and the district would need to arrange for chipping and transport. Future contracts also have

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provisions in them for chip. He will know more in a week or two and hopefully the district will have two years of material at a fraction of the anticipated cost.

Board Retreat/Training. DR Bledsoe mentioned the idea of a board training/retreat offsite with training provided by the ISBA. As a new board member, he thinks it would be very valuable to the board and would facilitate setting goals for the district and assist the board in interacting with the community. Superintendent Jensen reiterated the value of the training and mentioned there is money provided by the state for this purpose. Mr. Jensen suggested a Friday evening and a Saturday to make it easier to schedule. Possible dates and locations were discussed. Mrs. Lakey will begin making arrangements immediately.

Mr. Jensen thanked the board for agreeing to hold the special meeting to address these issues.

Moved by Shawn Stanford to adjourn; seconded by Melissa Roundtree; motion carried at 6:50 p.m.

Chairman

District Clerk-Treasurer