

Minutes of the January 31, 2024 Special Board Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Zach with members: Meyer, Huettner, Vering, Korth, Brandl, Schemek, Baumgart and Preister present.

Open meetings act is posted in the Humphrey Public School library.

The meeting was advertised for public notice in the Humphrey Democrat on Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

Visitors present: Patrick Murphy (Humphrey Democrat), Ralph Weeder, Marleen Weeder, Greg Sjuts, Jacob Hall, Dan Korth, Tim Baumgart, and Daryl Herchenbach.

President Zach shared that the committee from St. Francis will not be attending tonight. It was published in last week's Humphrey Democrat that a committee would be in attendance to discuss the possibility of purchasing our building. There are a few additional steps their committee must take with the Archdiocese before their committee can attend to further any discussions.

Public comment was accepted at the meeting. Jacob Hall asked if the board knows what the assessed tax value of this school is? It was shared that the school is tax exempt. Jacob Hall asked who puts a value on the building? Is it an appraiser or the school board or who? Who makes that determination? It was shared that the board would have the final vote on the value. Ralph Weeder asked if there was any value change to what it is last year referring to the number that HPS gave HSF? It was shared the board would determine the value. Ralph Weeder shared he would like to be notified of the meeting when they discuss negotiating and value. It was shared it would be a public meeting and advertised. Ralph Weeder asked how can they buy something when they are expecting me from Holy Family to pay half of it? Ralph said this is getting pretty fuzzy and he is not too much in favor of the closing schools. Tim Baumgart asked what is the value that the school is insured for? It was shared that those numbers were not accessible at the time and would need to be checked on. Tim Baumgart asked what will be the interest rate on the bond? It was shared we don't know that at this time because the board hasn't called for a bond election. Tim Baumgart asked how many people have toured the school since we have started these talks? It was shared that four individuals have toured the school. Dan Korth asked if we are really going to need to build as much now that LAD is building and we may not see as many students come over? It was shared that was not the intent from the beginning, sharing we need more space and room for future growth.

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Vering to go into closed session of the board at 6:42pm for the purpose of discussing negotiations. ROLL CALL VOTE: Meyer, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Korth, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Zach, YES. Motion Carried. 9 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT

It was moved by Schemek and seconded by Korth to come out of closed session at 7:39pm. ROLL CALL VOTE: Meyer, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Korth, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Zach, YES. Motion Carried. 9 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT

The board reviewed the renderings that were provided by the architect. One rendering was of a 7-12 building and the other was a PK-12 building.

There was discussion on bond timelines. The board will discuss again at the February board meeting.

The next regular school board meeting date is Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m.

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Brandl to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Meyer, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Korth, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Zach, YES. Motion Carried. 9 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT

Julie Preister, Board Secretary