

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34
MARCH 2, 2016
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
SOUTH CAMPUS BOARD ROOM
6:30 P.M.

1. The Special Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Robyn Hays.

1.1 Roll call: Alexander, Cole, Handy, Nichols, Spann Worth, Hays – Present

Also present – Marica Cullen, Patti Fetter, Nancy Bitner, Dan Bitner, David Harmon, Jodi Baker, Craig Fess, Brent Barnes, Anita Barnes, Doug Worth, Debbie Butler

1.2 Pledge was led by President Hays.

2. Motion was made by Handy, seconded by Nichols to make the Resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016, of the District, for the purpose of altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes, refunding certain outstanding bonds of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, authorizing and directing the execution of an escrow agreement in connection with the issuance of said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Dave Pistorius gave all Board Members a schedule of the Bond repayment and the interest rate. The original interest rate had been 3.5% but after negotiations the rate will be 1.99%, which will save the taxpayers on their property taxes. The rate will only increase by less than 1%. The sale will close on March 11 and we will receive the \$2.6 million that day. We have 3 years to do all the repairs and spend the money. The Board's plan is to have it completed in 2 years. The Board questioned how the rate was determined. Mr. Pistorius stated that the buyers look at the state audits, and we have such a good rating the last 3 years that it helped our rate out tremendously.

A vote was then taken on the motion. Yea votes: Cole, Handy, Nichols, Spann, Worth, Alexander, Hays

3. Illinois Association of School Board Services Agreement – Motion was made by Handy, seconded by Worth to contract with IASB for Long Range Planning.

A general discussion was held regarding the options that the IASB offers. It was general consensus that the board did not feel they needed to repeat the Long Range Planning training option with them. They reviewed the 4 sessions for Community Engagement. Some felt they did not need all 4 sessions and they would be a repeat of what they already have done.

Motion was made by Nichols to table original motion made by Handy. Nichols then withdrew his motion.

Motion was made by Cole and seconded by Nichols to amend Handy's original motion to make an agreement with IASB for Community Engagement Sessions. Yea votes: Handy, Nichols, Spann, Worth, Alexander, Cole, Hays

A vote was then taken on the amended motion made by Handy and seconded by Worth. Yea votes: Nichols, Spann, Worth, Alexander, Cole, Handy, Hays

Hays said on the subject of IASB, they have a meeting on March 29th in Greenville at the college at 5:30. She feels it would be beneficial and she is going to attend, the cost is \$26. Cullen is going to get the information and forward it to the board to see how many want to attend. After we receive the replies from them, Cullen will take care of registering everyone.

4. Public Comment – None
5. Closed Session – Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Spann to adjourn to closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees, pending litigation collective bargaining; student discipline or other issues at 7:21 p.m. Yea votes Spann, Worth, Alexander, Cole, Handy, Nichols, Hays

Hays addressed the audience and said that there would be no action after closed session and the board would only return to adjourn.

6. Returned from Closed session and adjourned at 11:42 p.m.

President

Secretary