

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Chatfield Public Schools Special School Board Meeting

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the special meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 227, Olmsted, Fillmore and Winona Counties was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Roll call was taken with these members present: Jeffers, Isensee, Backer, McMahon. Others Present: Ed Harris, Randy Paulson, Shane McBroom, Trista O'Connor, Nora Gathje, Rick Lowrey. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Discussion

The meeting began with Mr. Harris reviewing last year's determination to reduce the budget for FY20 and go to referendum to request an operating levy increase. The budget reduction details from last spring and summer totaling nearly \$480,000 were also discussed.

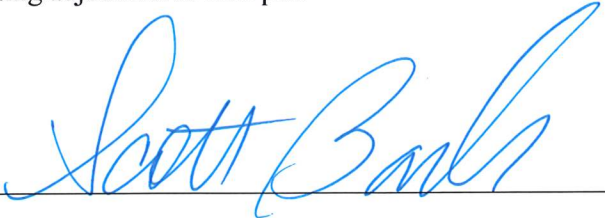
Mr. Harris then spoke about the election results and next steps. He also presented updated financial and enrollment projections which indicate that the district will need to make plans to 1) reduce the budget 2) renew the existing operating levy and 3) increase the operating levy over. These plans may need to commence as early as this spring depending upon how the Board wants to approach this challenge.

Various attendees then engaged in an open discussion consisting of "what if" budget scenarios and program development and marketing ideas that may continually increase the appeal of our school district.

The Board plans to meet after the 1st of the year to continue this discussion.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Scott Backer, Clerk