

**SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
BROWNSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

The Board of School Trustees of the Brownsburg Community School Corporation met in a special business meeting on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the F.L. O’Neal Administration Building, 310 Stadium Drive; Brownsburg, Indiana.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Eric Hylton, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Matthew Freije, Mrs. Tiffany Dearman and Mr. Phil Utterback also attended the meeting. Ms. Jessica Heffernan did not attend. Administrators present were Dr. Jim Snapp, Dr. Kat Jessup, Mr. John Voigt and Mr. Shane Hacker. Mrs. Jodi Gordon and Dr. Bret Daghe also attended.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Preliminary Determination Hearing on 2021 Bond/West Middle School Project**

Mr. Hylton opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Hacker explained that the hearing is being held according to Indiana Code and is the first of two public hearings required by school corporations that will be entering into a lease agreement for bonds for construction or renovation of a school building. This hearing was advertised in *The Republican* and on the corporation website. Mr. Hacker then shared the scope and sequence of the project which includes renovation and additions to West Middle School to bring the student capacity to 1,350 students. The project estimate is \$32,685,000. The current 2021 bond capacity, the amount that can be borrowed that does not increase the school tax rate, is \$35,000,000. Additional funds above the project amount can be used for capital improvements, equipment, technology, buses, etc. Mr. Hacker explained that establishing the maximum bond capacity, taking into account an increase in assessed value, may provide additional capacity within the bond, up to as much as \$39,000,000 to allow for additional smaller improvement projects across the district. Mr. Hacker then shared the next steps and addressed several questions from the Board.

Mr. Hylton called for public comments. There were none.

There being no further action required by the Board at this meeting, Mr. Hylton closed the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Recommendation to Approve Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures**

Mr. Hacker recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve a resolution of declaration of official intent to reimburse expenditures. He explained that this resolution makes official the intent of the School Corporation to make payments on the bond proceeds on behalf of the Building Corporation which is the entity that will actually secure the bond funding.

*Dr. Freije moved to approve the recommendation; Mrs. Dearman seconded the motion. The Board approved the recommendation by a vote of four (4) ayes; zero (0) nays.*

**B. Recommendation to Approve Appreciation Grant for Support Staff**

Dr. Snapp recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the Appreciation Grant for Support Staff members. He explained that this has been in place the previous three years. The

state funds the Teacher Appreciation Grant but because we work as a team at the school corporation, the Board has previously approved a similar stipend to all support staff members. Dr. Snapp shared that there was a delay in requesting this approval as it was rumored that the State may not be funding the Teacher Appreciation Grant this year. Following organization day of the State legislature, it was deemed that funding for the grant would in fact be in place for this year, allowing us to offer the same stipend to support staff. Dr. Snapp explained that Mr. Hacker and the finance team had already budgeted for this amount. If approved, the stipend will be provided in the December 18, 2020 pay for support staff employees.

*Mr. Utterback moved to approve the recommendation; Dr. Freije seconded the motion. The Board approved the recommendation by a vote of four (4) ayes; zero (0) nays.*

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. Hylton called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Utterback moved to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Freije seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of four (4) ayes; zero (0) nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.*

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