

FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
1200 SOUTH CLINTON STREET
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802

6:05 p.m.

June 1, 2010

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Roll Call

The Board of School Trustees of the Fort Wayne Community Schools met for a special Board meeting in the Lester L. Grile Administrative Center on Monday, June 1, 2010, at 6:05 p.m. President Mark GiaQuinta called the meeting to order with the following members in attendance:

Members present: Mark GiaQuinta, Chairperson
 Kevin Brown
 Stephen Corona
 Becky Hill
 Pamela Martin-Díaz
 John Peirce
 Mitch Sheppard

Members absent: none

FWCS
Custodial
Services

Dr. Robinson presented the following recommendation concerning the FWCS Custodial Services:

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board hear a presentation on the process used to examine custodial services, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate an agreement to contract for custodial services consistent with the recommendations of the review committee.

RELATED INFORMATION: At the March 22 board meeting, as part of the \$15 million budget cut plan, the board agreed that the administration should investigate alternatives for custodial services.

Report

Chief Financial Officer Kathy Friend shared a Power Point presentation providing the Board with information about the process that was followed to investigate, interview and recommend a company to provide custodial services for Fort Wayne Community Schools.

Comments

Board members commented that this was difficult decision to make but a necessary one. Board members thanked Kathy and her committee for a task well done.

Board member Kevin Brown had concerns about the quality of the work we will receive with contracted workers. He wants the same quality of service to which we've grown accustomed.

Dr. Robinson commented that the option to outsource is being considered because of the financial issue that FWCS faces with a \$15 million cut to the General Fund budget. It is not an issue of quality of performance by the custodial staff.

A motion was made by Stephen Corona, seconded by John Peirce, to authorize the administration / Superintendent Robinson to move forward to negotiate a definitive contract with Sodexo for custodial services consistent with the recommendation of the review committee and to bring that recommendation to the Board for consideration on June 14, 2010. Roll Call: Ayes, Stephen Corona, Becky Hill, Pamela Martin-Diaz, John Peirce, Mitch Sheppard and Mark GiaQuinta; nays, Kevin Brown.

Next
Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Lester L. Grile Administrative Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business, upon a motion by Stephen Corona, seconded by Becky Hill, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

President
Mark GiaQuinta

Vice President
Pamela Martin-Díaz

Secretary
John Peirce

Member
Kevin Brown

Member
Steve Corona

Member
Becky Hill

Member
Mitch Sheppard