

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859
PLACE: Superintendent's Conference Room at Lincoln Junior High School
DATE: May 21, 2013
TIME: 6:45 a.m.

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 6:47 a.m. The following members were present: Lindeman, Alsleben, Kuester, Christianson, and Twiss. Director VonBerge arrived after the start of the meeting. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Architect Paul Youngquist from Architects Rego + Youngquist, Inc., and Superintendent's Secretary Dawn Peterson were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following announcements were made:

Next School Board Meeting: The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124).

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

Director Lindeman moved to approve the agenda. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously (5-0).

Director VonBerge arrived.

Information was provided by Superintendent Sonju and Business Manager Sander about the GSL Early Childhood Learning Center estimated project costs. The estimated hard cost for the GSL Early Childhood Learning Center project (which is the actual construction) was \$1,336,288. Soft costs (architectural/engineering/permits/contingency were \$160,355, for a total of \$1,496,643. This is how we arrived at the amount of \$1.5 million.

Bids were received on Thursday, May 16th. Two bids were received and both were higher than anticipated:

- Black & Dew, North St. Paul – Base bid of \$1,595,000 plus alternates
- KUE Contractors – \$1,721,681 plus alternates.

Superintendent Sonju and Business Manager Sander provided the following options to the Board:

Option 1 – Scrap the project (our recommendation is not to do this by the way, so it is really not an option)

Option 2 – Re-bid. This puts the project behind by three to four week plus there is no guarantee of lower bids or additional bids. Building costs have just increased a lot more than anticipated.

Option 3 – Increase the amount of the leave levy. Ehlers is working on revised tax impact numbers for us to increase to \$1,375,000. We would need MDE approval.

Option 4 – Leave the lease levy the same, find the additional funds within the operating budget (Internal Service Fund?).

Option 5 – Split the increase between increasing the lease levy and increasing the district share.

Architect Paul Youngquist and Superintendent Sonju did review the project to see if there were any cuts that could be made in the project but didn't come up with much of anything.

Motion by Director Lindeman to adopt Option 3 which is to increase the amount of the lease levy to \$1,375,000 with the district to contribute the remaining portion of the increase; to accept base bid #1 in the amount of \$1,595,000 from Black & Dew, alternate #1 (toilet remodeling), and unit price #2 (additional concrete) pending approval of the labor and materials list by the architect; with the architect to check into alternate #2 (the computer remodeling), unit price #1 (additional steel), and unit price #3 (engineered fill). Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director VonBerge moved to accept the resignation of Craig Brenner, GSL High School Math Teacher, effective at the end of this school year. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve the hirings as listed below:

- Kaylia Johnson as Front Desk Worker at the Panther Field House (replaces Vonnie Nelson who resigned).

- Kori McKibben as 3rd Grade Teacher at GSL Lakeside Elementary School (replaces Stephanie Freund who is resigning at the end of the school year).
- Rebecca (Becky) Schwartz as 1st Grade Teacher at Helen Baker Elementary School (replaces Angela Mellies who was terminated and non-renewed).
- Claire Bergman as 5th Grade Teacher at GSL Lakeside Elementary School (replaces Amanda Redman who was terminated and non-renewed).

Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to adjourn at 7:40 a.m. Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approved (Date) _____

Clerk

Chair