

OAKES SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026
CENTRAL CONFERENCE ROOM 7 AM

Call to Order:

President Monica Heimbuch called the meeting to order at 7:01 am. Those present were President Monica Heimbuch, Vice President Sheila Nagel, Board Members Ryan Rosendahl, Brian Seyer and Patti Kelly (via zoom). Also in attendance were Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepson, Principals Greg Dobitz, Jordan Lynch and Custodian Bobby Knodel and Teacher Ryan Schneider. From the Facilities committee were Drew Courtney and LeRoy Meehl (joining via Zoom). There were representatives from ICON and ESG joining via Zoom.

Facilities Discussion:

President Heimbuch stated that “Bypassing the fire suppression system and ADA is not what I believe is in the best interest of the students and of the school but at the end of the day we are here to represent the community and what they want us to do.”

Brian Seyer stated, “As far as following what the committee recommended, I believe that is the best avenue to go to that the information I gathered and that is what I believe the survey is telling us also.”

Vice President Nagel stated “It’s unfortunate that we would not be able to do anything that would improve the safety of our students, but I don’t think we can put anything extra on the ballot because we will never get it. It’s unfortunate that the people don’t see that.”

Ryan Rosendahl stated that “Things that were previously identified and other things that were identified that need to be done or should be done but whether or not we can get the passage to pay for them is a good question. I agree the amount from the survey was anything less than 7 million so that 6.3, and even at that were at the percentage wise of being able to pass that with a 5% error, was at 55-65% and even then, we are at a stretch. At the risk of having it not pass on the June ballot, which would delay it until November of 26, which would put us back another year. It’s pretty important that we get the most popular option forward that has the option to be passed.”

Patti Kelly stated “I think the safety of the kids is important, but the community said what they did and I guess we just have to trust them and just do what we can do for now I guess and hope that it doesn’t affect them in the long run. “

Superintendent Sell stated community has spoken. “I know what the community has spoken, but as the Superintendent, it goes against everything that I am. Because I know what

we are doing right now, we are saving money to spend money. We know what our list of things are, we've gotten a list from ICON.

ICON stated that they would contact Scott Wegner and Anne Wouillet to get the documents ready for the March 17, 2026, regular meeting if the board decides to call a bond referendum. They would assist Oakes Public School on getting public meetings scheduled, create FAQ and fact sheets and will ask the committee members to attend.

There being no further business listed on the agenda; the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 am.

Monica Heimbuch, President

Shannon Jepson, Business Manager