

The Board of School Trustees of Madison Consolidated Schools conducted a Special Meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at the Administration Building, 2421 Wilson Avenue, Madison, Indiana, at 5:30 p.m.

The following members of the Board of School Trustees were present:

Mrs. Joyce Imel, President
Mr. Carl Glesing, Vice-President
Mrs. Lee Ann Imel, Secretary
Mr. Rob Kring, Member
Mrs. Linda laCour, Member

The following Central Office Administrators were present:

Dr. Ginger Studebaker-Bolinger, Superintendent
Dr. Katie Jenner, Senior Director of Learning and Title Program
Mr. Mike Frazier, Director of Systems, Operations, and Auxiliary Services
Mrs. Angela Vaughn, Director of Special Education and Student Services
Mrs. Bonnie Hensler, Director of Finance and Human Resources

Opening Statement by Board President:

“All school board meetings are open to the public and all discussions will be held in the open, with the exception of executive sessions. There is time on the meeting agenda for public comments. If you have questions about specific procedures, please check with us prior to the meeting. Involved and informed parents and citizens are our best guarantee of excellence in our public schools.

School board members receive a full agenda several days prior to the board meeting. The agenda may deal with curriculum, budget, hiring of personnel, facilities, school transportation, or long-range planning. The agenda usually includes written support material that helps us with our decision making. If it appears that we take quick action on an item, it may be because we have been studying the topic for several weeks or that we have had our questions answered in advance of the meeting.”

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger and a motion by Mrs. laCour, seconded by Mr. Glesing, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MAY 19, 2016, SPECIAL MEETING

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT

Employment(s)

E.O. Muncie Elementary School

Desiree McKay – Custodian – effective May 12, 2016

Desiree McKay – Summer Custodian – effective May 31, 2016 – July 29, 2016

Rykers’ Ridge Elementary School

Lacy Christman – Instructional Support – effective May 20, 2016

Madison Junior High School

Megan Ledbetter – Cafeteria Cook – effective April 28, 2016

Madison Consolidated High School
Mark Overturf – Math Teacher – effective July 28, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ACTION

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger and a motion by Mr. Glesing, seconded by Mr. Kring, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve Teton Corporation for the High School Construction Project in the amount of \$1,676,000.

APPROVAL OF FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

Mrs. J. Imel explained the Board would be meeting weekly to implement plans for improvements of our school facilities.

Mrs. J. Imel began the discussion regarding the high school. She said the current project will be completed with a \$2,000,000 bond. Mrs. J. Imel said a greater issue facing the high school is the infrastructure. Mr. Glesing said the infrastructure cannot be done in sections. He said a project this size will require a referendum. Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said a petition remonstrance can be used for projects more than \$10,000,000. She said it could also trigger a referendum. Mr. Glesing said both would raise taxes. Mr. Glesing said if the Board chooses to put a referendum on the ballot a decision needs to be made to ask for a special election or wait until the next election. He stated concerns about waiting because of the conditions of the buildings. Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said she could contact Ice Miller to see if Ms. Jane Herndon could attend a meeting to explain the petition remonstrance process. Mrs. J. Imel said a referendum this fall is not feasible. She said we could pay for a special election. Mrs. J. Imel said the community should see infrastructure at the high school is needed. A discussion ensued regarding the cost of a special election. Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said she would contact the Jefferson County Clerk's office to find the cost of holding a special election. A discussion ensued regarding signatures for a petition remonstrance. Mrs. J. Imel said we need community support as we have building options at the elementary level but not the high school.

Mr. Glesing said we can have separate referendums.

Mrs. J. Imel asked the Board if they would like to have the following referendums:

- 1) High School
- 2) Need a plan in place for 2nd referendum

Mrs. L. Imel said she wasn't for a petition remonstrance. She said the public won't be educated with the process.

Mrs. L. Imel said regarding a referendum for the high school project the following is needed:

- detailed plan
- what the project is for
- cost
- tax rate now and then

Mrs. L. Imel said everyone needs to be on the same page regarding the high school project.

Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said there are benefits to a petition remonstrance. She said it could lessen the tax impact. She said she understands Mrs. L. Imel's concerns.

Mr. Kring and Mr. Glesing said they would like to hear from Ms. Herndon.

Mr. Glesing said he hates to spend money. He said we spent \$40,000 on architects.

Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger asked if she needed to find the cost of holding a special election? Mr. Glesing said it would be 19-26 precincts. Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said the cost of the special election could come from the General Fund or Rainy Day Fund.

Mr. Glesing said there are major issues at the high school.

Mrs. J. Imel asked Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger to do the following:

- Schedule a meeting date with Mrs. Jane Herndon to go over the petition remonstrance procedure.
- Find the estimated cost of a special election.

Mrs. J. Imel said there are no other options for the high school. Mr. Frazier said it would cost approximately \$15,000,000 to fix the infrastructure at the high school.

Elementary Options

Mrs. L. Imel suggested having community meetings regarding the options at E.O. Muncie Elementary School. She said we need to figure out if we are adding on or renovating. Mrs. J. Imel asked if we have an updated cost for E.O. Muncie. Mrs. J. Imel asked if we should renovate part of E.O. Muncie or construct. Mrs. J. Imel asked if it was cost effective to build new. Mr. Frazier said building in the back of E.O. Muncie wasn't logical. Mrs. L. Imel said students could be moved temporarily while building. She suggested letting the community decide about E.O. Muncie. Mr. Frazier said students could be dispersed prior to the referendum vote. Mr. Glesing said if students are moved from E.O. Muncie we may not be as flexible with transfers.

Mr. Frazier said it would cost approximately \$450,000 to \$500,000 to demolish E.O. Muncie.

Mr. Glesing said students could be moved and do nothing else.

Mr. Frazier said he talked to an architect said there is a lot of room to build on the E.O. Muncie site.

Mrs. J. Imel asked if the current gym should be demolished. Mrs. L. Imel said there are several options.

Mr. Glesing stated concerns regarding three community members in attendance.

Mrs. J. Imel said:

Option A

Total new construction

Move students to different buildings (what students where)

Preschool (each building or consolidate)

Option B

Renovate sections of E. O. Muncie

Mrs. L. Imel said it is new vs. renovation.

Mr. Glesing said a decision needs to be made regarding moving 5th graders to the Junior High School.

Mr. Frazier said the architects have said the boiler room by the gym area would need to be redone.

Mrs. J. Imel asked if we had solid figures. Mr. Frazier said yes.

Anderson Elementary School

Mrs. J. Imel said work would need to be done at Anderson Elementary prior to moving students. Mr. Frazier said we could get a \$2,000,000 bond. Mr. Frazier said Anderson Elementary could house two sections of students in grades K-4. Mrs. laCour said we would have to utilize Anderson Elementary while a new school was being built. Mr. Frazier said a \$2,000,000 bond is the only option if a referendum fails. Mrs. J. Imel said if E.O. Muncie is closed and the 5th graders are moved to the junior high two section of E.O. Muncie students would go to Anderson Elementary and one section at Rykers' Ridge and Lydia Middleton. Mr. Frazier said we need to utilize Deputy Elementary. Mrs. J. Imel asked about redistricting? Mr. Frazier said not so much redistricting. Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said transfer requests are approved and also are denied. Mrs. laCour said it isn't fair to force students to attend a school far away from their home in order to keep a school open. Mrs. L. Imel aired concerns about parents having students in several buildings. Mr. Frazier said we already have parents with children in several schools. Mrs. J. Imel asked of the junior high could house all E.O. Muncie students? Mr. Frazier said no. He said it would take 18 sections. Mrs. J. Imel said there needs to be a plan to house the students if there is a new facility at E.O. Muncie. Mrs. J. Imel said moving the 5th grade to the junior high is workable. Mr. Glesing asked if the Board was ready to make a decision on the 5th grade move. Mrs. laCour said her vote hinges on keeping 5th-6th grades segregated from the 7th-8th. Mrs. J. Imel said if the 5th graders are moved the junior high school will need another assistant principal. Mrs. J. Imel said it makes sense to use the empty classrooms at the junior high school. She said she is uncomfortable about using Anderson Elementary. The Board agreed the 5th grade move wouldn't happen this next school year.

Mrs. J. Imel asked Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger to schedule Mrs. Herndon and find the cost of a special election.

Mrs. laCour said she is concerned about temporary movement. Mrs. L. Imel said it is only temporary if the referendum passes and a total rebuild of E.O. Muncie.

Mrs. J. Imel asked how to get community input? Mrs. L. Imel suggested holding meetings outside of the Administration Building with displays.

Mr. Frazier said an option is build a new facility at Anderson. He said E.O. Muncie is in bad shape. Mrs. L. Imel said no one wants to use the Anderson property. Mr. Glesing said there is property available close to E.O. Muncie. Mr. Glesing said to look at all feasible options. Mrs. L. Imel said no to property on the State Hospital grounds.

Mrs. L. Imel asked Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger to work on survey questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. laCour moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Kring, the Board voted, 5-0, and the Special meeting was adjourned.

Secretary
BY: ps

ATTEST:
