

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2022

The Board of Directors of Douglas County School District #15 convened in a special board meeting to focus on a possible bond offering, at Days Creek Charter School in Room 215 at 6:00 p.m. on January 24, 2022

The following individuals were present:

District Board Members: Rex Fuller, Valerie Anderson, John Boling, Rebekah Sawyer and Charlie Sawyer

Staff/Patrons: Cody Whetzel, Joanne Gordon, Jill Bong, Boo Hooker and Terri Woods

Superintendent: Steve Woods

Business Manager.: Claire Cotton

Board Secretary: Lisa Hemphill

Guest: Scott Marshall, Straightline Architecture

1) **Call to Order and Welcome:** R. Fuller called the meeting to order at 6pm.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3) **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion: R. Sawyer moved to approve the agenda with the addition of RFP2 attachment to Line 6) Information Items, item c) Bond Attorney RFP1 and RFP2.

Second: V. Anderson

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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4) **Public Input:** There was no public input at this time.

5) **Consent Agenda Items**

a) Approval of minutes

i) Regular Board Meeting - January 10, 2022

Motion: R. Sawyer moved to approve the consent agenda item listed above.

Second: V. Anderson seconded the motion

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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6) **Information Items**

a) Bond Discussion involving Action Steps Timeline, Schematic 1, Schematic 2, District Boundary S. Woods turned the floor over to Scott Marshall of Straightline. Scott went over the actions steps for the bond passage which included the following highlights: bond campaign schedule, schematics for proposed facility, possible prep for building on suggested location, OSCIM grant for up to \$4 million matching funds, proposed layout of new facility, estimated cost of proposed building of \$5.25 million, soft costs estimate of \$750,000 - \$800,000, Days Creek facilities well taken care of, deferred maintenance estimate of \$250,000, the facilities assessment and long range plan that was completed for the district, the need for a place for community to gather and hold events/services, a gym for athletic competitions, practices and a place for the elementary students to gather during inclement weather, a new cafeteria, bonding capacity, taxation rate,

length of loan, low interest rates, May elections, voter turnout, increase in price of supplies, possible impact on community members, public free access to new facility and taxes going back down once bond is complete.

- b) Appointing Bond Committee Members: There was lengthy discussion regarding the committee members with the following highlights, board members on the committee, quorum and meeting postings, community members, S. Marshall will facilitate meetings and help until the bond is on the ballot, approximately 4 meetings needed, facilities tour, possible rent increase to offset property owners tax increase, fixed incomes, property owners that do not have a vote, 40% of students out of district, community space will be for everyone- not just students and their families, expected increase in enrollment and extracurricular activities, possible senior center, policy and procedures that will need to be adhered to regarding community use, district and superintendent must stay neutral and cannot campaign for or against the bond, district can do informational mailings with language approved by ODE, bond language completed by S. Marshall and district attorney, February submission of ballot information, 3 year window to complete project, tentative timeline for project, calling the facility Cafetorium/Multi-purpose Community Center, professional design team, bidding the job, the possibility of hiring construction manager and the impact the weather will have on when to start breaking ground. The following people volunteered to serve on the bond committee: Clint Thompson, Charlie Sawyer, Boo Hooker, Joanne Gordon, Terri Woods, Leah Giles, James Ellis and Cody Whetzel said he would talk to community members and try to make the meetings but he didn't want to commit to being a committee member.
- c) Bond Attorney RFP1 and RFP2 - RFP2 attachment
The two Requests for Proposal were discussed.
- RFP1: Hawkins, Delafield & Wood - \$40,000
 - RFP2: Mersereau Shannon - \$20- 25,000
- S. Marshall shared that \$25,000 is a normal amount and bond funds can be used to pay this cost. There was also some discussion regarding payments, property tax revenue and bond proceeds.
- d) Dates for Bond Committee meetings: Dates were discussed and will be decided under the action item.

7) Action Items:

- a) Approve submitting bond levy request to voters

Motion: V. Anderson moved to approve submitting the bond levy request to voters.

Second: C. Thompson

Discussion: There was some discussion regarding the need for an amount to be added to the motion.

Amended Motion: V. Anderson amended her motion to include the amount of \$4 million.

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- b) Appoint bond committee members - assign one person as head of committee and they will fill with seats.

Motion: C. Thompson moved to elect the following bond committee members: Clint Thompson, Charlie Sawyer, Boo Hooker, Joanne Gordon, Terri Woods, Leah Giles, James Ellis and Cody Whetzel, with the ability to appoint more members as needed.

Second: V. Anderson

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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- c) Approve bond attorney

Motion: J. Boling moved to approve Mersereau Shannon, in the amount of \$20-\$25,000, as bond attorney.

Second: V. Anderson

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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d) Set bond committee meeting date

Motion: C. Thompson moved to set the first bond committee meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Second: R. Sawyer

Discussion: There was some discussion regarding dates that worked and S. Marshall's itinerary was taken into consideration since he is flying in.

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8) Announcements

a) Monday, February 14, 2022 - Regular District Board Meeting

9) Public Input: Cody Whetzel had questions about the bond, but they were answered in the information items.

10) Adjournment

Motion: C. Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Second: J. Boling

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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The next regular monthly board meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2022