

Record of Proceedings

Minutes of the November 19, 2021, Special Meeting HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Number 2021-21

Call to Order

Mrs. Jody Mast, Board Vice President, called to order the Special Meeting of the Huron City School District on November 19, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in the Huron Board of Education Conference Room. Also present: John Ruf, Interim Superintendent; Betty Schwiefert, Interim Treasurer; Stacey Hinnens and Elizabeth Laffay, Board Member-Elects; Julie McDonald, Director of Curriculum; Chad Carter, McCormick Middle School Principal; Mary Pisano, Leah LaCrosse, Craig Laughlin, Jennifer Telenko, Josh Haplea, Tim Sowecke, Taylor Dunn, Mary James, Sherry Rowen, Peter Larrow, and Katie Hayden.

Roll Call

The following members responded to roll call:

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| Mr. John P. Jones | Present |
| Mrs. Donna Green | Present |
| Mr. Paul Ward | Absent |
| Mr. Scott Slocum | Absent |
| Mrs. Jody Mast | Present |

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Mast lead all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval

Mr. Jones moved for approval of the November 19, 2021, special meeting agenda as presented. Mrs. Green seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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| Mr. Jones | Yes |
| Mrs. Green | Yes |
| Mrs. Mast | Yes |

Motion Passed.

Executive Session

Mrs. Green moved and Mr. Jones seconded the motion for the board to go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, disciplines, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees, public officials, or regulated individuals.

Roll Call:

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| Mr. Green | Yes |
| Mrs. Jones | Yes |
| Mrs. Mast | Yes |

Motion Passed.

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Session

The Board moved into executive session at 3:02 p.m.

Jody Mast, Board Vice President, called the meeting back to special session at 3:44 p.m.

Discussion Regarding District Facilities

Mr. Ruf reported that after the May levy was defeated, there has been discussion regarding closing or relocating students from McCormick Junior High. He decided that he would work on a proposal regardless if the November 2021 levy passed or not. He requested educational scenarios from the building principals. His proposal would send the 3rd grade to Shawnee, 7th grade to Woodlawn, and 8th grade to the High School. This is not a popular recommendation. Other considerations include the delivery of the Ohio Facility Construction Commission's preliminary report on Huron City School's buildings. The McCormick building meets the requirements for building replacement. Mr. Ruf believes that the OFCC will come back with a recommendation of one campus for all grades. This is an emotional issue, but somewhat urgent. A lighting replacement project was put on hold until the OFCC report is final since the district would not want to expend dollars to fund a project for buildings that could be razed or sold.

The OFCC report was alarming regarding the renovations that needed to be completed for each of the buildings. Another issue is that Firelands Montessori Academy is interested in renting the McCormick building to expand its programming. If this were to take place, the Annex could be torn down. The district could look at applying for grant dollars to help pay for that demolition.

Discussions need to take place with community agencies and/or companies that could possibly be interested in renting these spaces for their office use. A staffing study has not been done yet since it has not been decided where students would go. Ideas were shared: bring in superintendents and/or treasurers of districts that have worked with the OFCC, checking with community groups, consulting experts, creating a committee to work with OFCC. The timeline for the Ardagh project is unknown but any tax abatement will keep the school whole. How much is unknown at this time.

What needs to be done next?

- Creating a Strategic Facilities Planning Committee to focus on long term planning for buildings/grounds for Huron City Schools. Members would include board members who could rotate in and out of the committee, community members, business leaders, and city officials.
- staffing study to determine what could be saved by moving students out of McCormick. The decision to move any students would need to be made by January/February 2022 in order for this to be possible for the 2022-2023 school year. Because of this timeline, it was discussed by the Board that the 7th and 8th grade for Huron City Schools would remain at McCormick for the 2022-2023 school year.

Next Meeting

The board will meet in a special session on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room to discuss the search for a treasurer.

The next regular meeting of the Huron Board of Education will be December 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Huron City School District Board of Education Conference Room.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Mast asked for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Mrs. Green and seconded by Mr. Jones to adjourn.

Roll Call:

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| Mrs. Green | Yes |
| Mr. Jones | Yes |
| Mrs. Mast | Yes |

Motion Passed.

Mrs. Mast declared the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

President _____

Attest _____

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Certificate of Available Resources

Certificate
Section ORC §5705.412

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED the Huron City School District Board of Education, Erie County, Ohio has sufficient funds to meet the contract agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure for the above, and has in effect for the remainder of the fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the district at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the district to operate an adequate educational program on all the days set forth in its adopted school calendar for the current fiscal year equal to the number of days instruction was held or is scheduled for the current fiscal year.

Board President

Treasurer

Comments:

See ORC §5705.412

This certificate must be attached to any contract or order involving the expenditure of money with certain statutory exceptions.