

WORK SESSION

MINUTES

JANUARY 30, 2023

5:00 P.M.

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, BOARD ROOM

PRESENT:

Mr. Cody Brown

Mr. Jim Grosch

Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Mr. Gary Weber

Mr. Paul Mangione

Ms. Ruth Huck

Mr. Kevin Lindvay

Ms. Taylor Trisket

Ms. Mary Passinger

Ms. Jennifer Dilks

Mr. Arthur Stewart

Mr. Brandon Deppen

Ms. Donna Zariczny

Mr. David Undercoffer

Ms. Amy Stewart

Mr. Rick Gignac

Approximately 17 members of the public present.

1.0 Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Superintendent, Ms. Amy Stewart.

2.0 New Business

2.1. Proposed Community Engagement Timeline/Process

Discussion: Ms. Deb Thompson and Mr. Rodney Greene from Strategy Solutions met with board members in open session to discuss a three-step process for the board to consider in the community engagement process. The three steps included looking at two options for the community engagement timeline of the process, reviewing proposed meeting ground rules for public engagement and criteria for decision making, and reviewing the staff and board initial interview guide.

Mr. Greene presented the two options for the community engagement timeline process, which were provided to the board members via paper copy as well as available on Board-Docs. The option B is a more expedited approach with activity beginning January 2023 and ending at the

end of April or May while option A would end in the middle of June. Ms. Donna Zariczny asked if the timeline would change based on the options being presented. Ms. Thompson explained the community engagement timeline would not necessarily change but the option chosen may have a different implementation timeline. Mr. Greene said the community engagement timeline is flexible if more time is needed. The board members were asked to participate in a poll to show which option they would prefer. The majority voted for option B which is the faster approach.

Ms. Thompson explained the approach of the ground rules is to set some parameters on how the public interacts with the board as well as to get public input. Mr. Paul Mangione inquired as to whether the board would need to follow the same guidelines for public comment as they do for board and committee meetings. He explained that often times when there is a group associated with a topic, they have a spokesperson for the group and other members of the group give their time to the spokesperson to speak. Ms. Thompson said she would rather have multiple people say the same thing in their own words rather than one person speaking for everyone. She believes it will give them better input from the public. Mr. Mangione asked what information will be given to the public so individuals are prepared prior to the meetings. Ms. Thompson suggested the district provide as much information as they are comfortable with, including the ground rules for the public to review in an FAQ document. Ms. Zariczny said that including the data that the district has already gathered from staff, students and parents would be valuable information to be added to the FAQ document. Mr. Mangione asked if there should be a dialog with the public commenters. Mr. Greene explained that should only be done if they need to eliminate extremely false information. The board members were asked to participate in a poll to show whether they agreed with the proposed ground rules. The majority voted yes, they agree with the ground rules.

Ms. Thompson reviewed the proposed five criteria for decision making. This would work by having each option on a list and the criteria would be used to weigh each option on a 5-point scale. Strategy Solutions would then use that information to let the district know the best options based on the results. Mr. Joe Colosimo inquired whether the third criteria of staffing efficiencies/costs should be reevaluated as the district has not been looking to save money on staffing but has been looking to increase staffing efficiencies. Ms. Amy Stewart agreed and would like to make that clearer. Ms. Thompson agreed and would like to remove the "costs" off the staffing efficiencies to allow for clarification. Mr. Arthur Stewart expressed concern that some of the criteria is very broad, and some is very specific. Ms. Thompson said the criteria is customizable but does not have to be finalized until the next meeting. Mr. Stewart asked if the criteria would be able to be adjusted further into the process if the board learns of criteria from

the community that has not been addressed. Ms. Thompson recommended adding to the agenda for the public engagement session an opportunity for the community to voice their input on the criteria.

Also discussed were the proposed six questions for the staff and board interview guide. Ms. Thompson asked the board to look over the questions which can be adjusted.

3.0 Other

3.1 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4.0 Closing Activities

4.1 Adjournment at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Trisket, Assistant Board Secretary