

HUSTISFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Board of Education Workshop Minutes
April 10, 2023

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by President John Bohonek at 5:00 pm.

II. Roll call of members

Board members signed the attendance roster at the start of the meeting. Members present: John Bohonek, Tracy Malterer, Kevin Muche, Dave Strysick, Steve Weinheimer, Lisa Bosse, and Brian Thimm.

III. Verification of public notice: Heather Cramer, superintendent of schools, verified that the meeting was noticed to the public appropriately as required by S. 19.84 (1), (2), (3), & (4) Wis. Stats.

IV. Public Forum

Citizen input is vital to the improvement of our School District. Most times your remarks may be listened to without comment from the board members or superintendent. This does not mean they are heard with any less intensity or concern. The Board retains the option of limiting public comments to three (3) minutes. Where appropriate district staff or board members will investigate your comments and report back to you and the school board. We thank you for taking the time to address the Board of Education.

Public comment during this meeting was made concerning the referendum. Topics brought up during public comment were a recap of the Falcon Forward Committee, thanking the community for the support that came out, thanking the board for the support and work, concerns about what to do next, a community member indicated that there is no reason to go to referendum, failure of the referendum due to low confidence in current administration, finding ways to create a new citizen advisory panel, questioning what funds are available for future projects.

V. Approval of Regular Agenda

A motion was made by Lisa Bosse and seconded by Kevin Muche to approve the Regular Agenda.
Passed 7-0 Roll Call Vote

VI. Board Development

A. Referendum Recap/Facility Planning

Board members discussed the referendum and the results. Mr. Bohonek indicated that the district has a healthy fund balance, but explained that this is not just money that is sitting, it is used for operational purposes. He indicated that short-term borrowing has not been done due to the fiscal responsibility of the district. He also indicated that any borrowing for projects needs to be paid out of the current operating budget. Mr. Thimm indicated that his priorities for fixing were the roof, a boiler, and science labs. Ms. Malterer indicated that her priorities were also the boiler, the roof, and science labs. She indicated that she was disappointed in the results, but not really surprised. She indicated that the Town of Hustisford tax increase certainly played a role. She was proud of the support from members of the district. She asked what the sweet spot number is for the district in regards to fund balance and not having to short-term borrow. She also indicated that the district needs to work more on engagement with the public. Mr. Weinheimer indicated that his priorities are the boiler, roof, and science labs. He wished that those who were vocal no votes would have stepped up and became involved from the beginning so that their voice could have been considered. He indicated the importance of working together. Mr. Muche indicated that his priority is boiler, roof, and secure entrances. He also indicated that the district should look at an updated mechanical room in addition to the boiler. He indicated that safety and security were identified by the community and he did not want to go away from that. Mr. Strysick pointed out that many were not against the referendum but rather the cost. He questioned how the amount of \$19.5 million came about. He requested that the district do a school perception type survey to gauge community priorities and what they are willing to spend. He indicated his priorities to be roof, boilers, security and science. Ms. Malterer indicated that the board did receive community input and offered many opportunities for community members to offer input. Mr. Muche asked if a survey should just target the voters or all community members. Ms. Bosse indicated that we should reach out to those in the community to find out who would want to do projects. She is questioning whether there are grants available to get projects done. She indicated that her priorities are boilers, safety, science labs, and a roof at the HS. Mr. Bohonek indicated that we have done surveys in the past and had little return on them. Mr. Muche will be involved in the decisions in regards to HVAC. Ms. Malterer indicated that we will be having a CIP as part of the HSR agreement. Ms. Bosse indicated that we should

consider using some fund balance and borrowing to make things happen. The board is asking for bids to be solicited on the roof for the HS, boilers for the HS, science labs, and secure entrances.
The board also emphasized that the needs within the district are not going away.

VII. New Business

A. Curriculum and Technology:

1. Resolution #2153: Approval of Summer School 2023 Class Offerings

A motion was made by Brian Thimm and seconded by Steve Weinheimer to approve the following resolution:

Approval of Summer School 2023 Class Offerings
School Board Resolution
#2153

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hustisford School District does hereby approve the 2023 Summer School Course Offerings as presented.

Approved Roll Call Vote: 7-0

B. Personnel and Policy:

1. Resolution #2154: Approval of 8th Grade Field Trip to Washington DC

A motion was made by Kevin Muche and seconded by Tracy Malterer to approve the following resolution:

Approval of 8th Grade Trip to Washington DC
School Board Resolution
#2154

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hustisford School District does hereby approve the 8th Grade trip to Washington DC beginning on April 17 through April 21, 2023.

Approved Roll Call Vote: 7-0

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Steve Weinheimer and seconded by Brian Thimm to adjourn at 5:50 pm.

Heather J. Cramer, Superintendent of Schools – Recorder

Tracy Malterer - School Board Clerk

Minutes Approved April 24, 2023