

The Board of Education met in a Work Session/Regular meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 in Elementary Auditorium with Board President Jacob King presiding.

ROLL CALL@ 5:02 PM

Present: Mr. King, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Sebastian, Mr. Elam
Mr. Wright arrived at 5:08 PM

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA (if needed)

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Gordon Wells asked about the participation fees and if there will be an open discussion. Mr. King stated there would be.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

► **Architectural Firms**

Mr. Elam stated that the last to present has the advantage. He believes either firm can do what we want to do. Mrs. Reese stated she feels it was unfair to ask the community to vote after only hearing short presentations. She gave her thoughts on the presentations and who she thought was best. Mrs. Sebastian stated we are not a rural school. We are going to a suburban school. Levin Porter is local and know what we need. One firm did better in engaging the community. Mr. Wright stated the most important things are engaging the community and who will work best with the superintendent and treasurer. Mr. Firks stated we promised that community engagement was important and we have shown this through the meetings of the facility committee. We are in time crunch and we need to get going. Mr. Hattery stated we have had two (2) meeting over architectural firms and only five (5) people showed up to the first meeting. Either firm can do the job. Mr. Hattery has a nice working relationship with Mr. Huff from work previously done at the school. Mr. King stated both firms are capable of doing the job. Communicating can be driven by the district and location is not a real factor. Buehler was able to connect old building parts into the new building.

► **Strategic Plan**

Mr. Firks provided an update. Mr. King asked to update location on invitation to be more specific.

► **Lunch- \$\$ credit if they have insufficient funds**

The Board discussed ways to address when a student has insufficient funds to buy lunch. The Board asked to see if a fund can be a negative on Pay Schools. The Board asked about setting up an account and to look into the fees associated with Pay Schools.

► **Athletes participation fee (help from the community)**

The Board discussed current athletic participation fees. Mr. Wells expressed concerns over athletic participation fees with the district's football program and especially with the freshman and junior varsity teams.

► **Audit Updates**

Mr. Hattery provided an update on the audit. Auditors should be onsite until the end of this week. We hope to have the audit completed by the end of the calendar year.

► **Cash balance policy**

Proposed policy and overview was discussed. The Board intends to have a first reading at the November meeting.

► **Finance Committee**

Mr. King stated it was a good idea to establish one. The Board looks to establish the committee and chair at the November meeting.

► **Tipp Foundation and Miami County Foundation updates**

Mrs. Sebastian thanked the organizations for providing the information to the staff.

► Board Docs

Mr. Firks provided information. Mr. Elam stated it sounds like a lot of money to obtain the service. Mr. King agreed with everyone's opinion. The Board asked for more cost information and what is covered.

Mr. King thanked administrators for the handling of the situation yesterday at school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS REQUESTING BOARD ACTION
20020-51

Motion by: Mrs. Reese to place items from the superintendent's report on the consent calendar.

1. Approval for Leave of Absence:

The Bethel Board of Education to approve a leave of absence for *Jaime Strobridge* per the attached letter.

Seconded by: Mrs. Sebastian

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. King, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Sebastian, Mr. Wright, Mr. Elam

Nays: none

Motion carried: 5-0

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Motion by: Mr. Wright to review and select architecture firm:

2. Approval to review and select architecture firm:

The Bethel Board of Education to approve and select the LEVIN PORTER as the architectural firm for our master facilities plan.

Seconded by: Mr. Elam

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. King, Mrs. Sebastian, Mr. Wright, Mr. Elam

Nays: Mrs. Reese

Motion carried: 4-1

Information from the Superintendent

► November 4th Board Meeting; move to high school library

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2020-53

Mrs. Sebastian moved to enter an executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing and to discuss specialized details of security arrangements.

Seconded by: Mrs. Reese

The Board entered an executive session at 6:39 PM

The following members answered roll call:

Mr. King, Mrs. Reese, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Sebastian, Mr. Elam

The Board re-entered regular session at 7:07 PM

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Huff stated his thanks for the opportunity and that Levin Porter will listen.

ADJOURNMENT
2020-54

Motioned by: Mrs. Sebastian to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by: Mr. Elam

Roll Call: Mr. King, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Sebastian, Mr. Wright, Mr. Elam

Nays: none

Motion carried: 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

NOTE: If an executive session is required it may be placed anywhere in the order of the agenda, but often comes at the beginning or at the end. It is often anticipated in advance that an executive session will be necessary, but the board may call for such should the occasion arise, even though it does not appear on the prepared agenda. Executive sessions are permitted for certain specified situations. Only discussion may take place in executive sessions. Voting must be done in an open meeting.

_____ *Treasurer*

_____ *President*