

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2024
Jasonville, Indiana

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Shakamak met in special session at 6:00 p.m., in the Shakamak Junior-Senior High School, with the following people present: James Gadberry, Jodi Barton, Braionna Barber, and David Smith, Board Members; Jeff Gambill, Superintendent; Jennifer Barcus, Corporation Treasurer; and Cortney Givens, Corporation Attorney.

First Preliminary Determination Hearing

The public meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Board President, David Smith, with Braionna Barber leading the pledge of allegiance. The President presided over the hearing, welcoming everyone and introducing members of the Board and speakers. It was explained to the Board that pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.1, whenever a school corporation proposes to enter into a lease agreement and/or issue bonds for the construction or renovation of a school building or buildings resulting in total costs in excess of certain thresholds, or if the School Corporation has a debt service fund tax rate over a certain amount, the School Corporation is required to hold two public hearings on its preliminary determination to issue such bonds and enter into such lease agreement. This meeting represents the first of such hearings. Notice of both public hearings was published in the Greene County Daily World and the Brazil Times on May 28, 2024, and was sent via first-class mail to the Greene County Clerk, Clay County Clerk, and any organizations which requested such notice as provided in Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.1. The proofs of publication of the notice of the hearings were presented to the meeting. It was further explained that at this hearing all interested people may give testimony and/or ask questions concerning the renovation of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corporation, including site improvements and the purchase of technology and equipment (the "Project"). The purpose of the hearing is two-fold: (1) to inform the public as to the proposed project; and (2) to allow all interested parties, taxpayers and patrons of the School Corporation to voice their opinions as to the Project and ask any questions. After the purpose of the hearings was explained, the presentation regarding the need for the Project were given. An evaluation of the existing facilities was then presented, as well as a discussion of the details of the proposed Project. The estimated Project cost and schedule were then presented to the public. It was explained how this Project could be funded, and the potential tax rate impact the Project would have on the community. After the above presentations, the Board President announced that the Board would not hear testimony and questions from the public. There were no public questions or testimony. Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Special Session

The special session was called to order at 6:06 p.m., by Board President, David Smith.

Approve – Field Trip

A motion to approve an overnight field trip to the FFA State Convention (June 18th-20th) at Purdue University, made by James Gadberry and seconded by Jodi Barton, was unanimously approved.

Approve – JAG Program

A motion to approve participation in the JAG Program (Jobs for America’s Graduates), made by James Gadberry and seconded by Braionna Barber, was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m., motion made by James Gadberry and seconded by Jodi Barton; approval was unanimous.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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