

CEDAR GROVE-BELGIUM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Cedar Grove, Wisconsin

Minutes of Special Board of Education Meeting – August 5, 2009

- 1-2. Call to Order and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by President Les Paul. All board members were present, except Terry Eernisse. Also present were Julie Birschbach, Phil Burns, Jeanne Courneene, Kit Dailey, Kurt Davis, Bob Heimerl, Steve Schmidt, Steven Shaw, John Thiele and Sue Voskuil.
3. Proof of Notice. Proof of notice was established and the meeting was found to be properly called.
4. Continue Building Plan and Referendum Discussion. President Paul stated that there were two objectives for the meeting tonight – that being to form preliminary question/s for a referendum and to be 95% sure of the direction the Board is taking towards a November referendum knowing what is included and accounted for in the final referendum resolution numbers. Sue Voskuil reported that she had emailed both county clerks and both said they would need two months for programming a special election.

The board reviewed conceptual building plans and costs based on discussions at the meeting last week with Kurt Davis and Bob Heimerl of Abacus Architects and Steve Schmitt of Jos. Schmitt Construction.

The board agreed by consensus that they would put two questions on the ballot.

Moved by Dan Zuelsdorf, seconded by Jim Lautenschlaeger that the first question include an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 the build and equip a 5-8 grade middle school, construct a technical education building, refinancing property for a new middle school site, and remodeling and improvements to the existing middle school building to accommodate expansion of the elementary school into such space; and the second question include an amount not to exceed \$6,500,000 to build a new pool at the new middle school, development of new athletic fields and a fitness center. After some discussion a vote was taken and the motion failed by a vote of 1 yes (Dan Zuelsdorf) to 5 no.

Moved by Jim Lautenschlaeger, seconded by Chad Hoopman the first question include an amount not to exceed \$21,000,000 for the cost of constructing and equipping a new grade 5-8 middle school, constructing a technical education building, refinancing property for the new middle school site, and remodeling and improvements to the existing middle school building to accommodate expansion of the elementary school into such space, and the development of a new softball field. Motion carried by a vote of 5 yes to 1 no, with Jeff Thiel voting no.

Moved by Jim Lautenschlaeger, seconded by Dan Zuelsdorf the second question include an amount not to exceed \$5,500,000 for the cost of constructing and equipping a swimming pool at the new middle school, remodeling the current pool, and the development of other athletic fields and other site improvements. After some discussion, Jim Lautenschlaeger moved to retract the motion. There was not a second for the retraction. A vote was taken and motion failed by a vote of 3 yes (Dan Zuelsdorf, Les Paul and Jim Lautenschlaeger) to 3 no (Aileen Dahlke, Chad Hoopman and Jeff Thiel).

Moved by Les Paul, seconded by Dan Zuelsdorf the motion say “physical education/athletic fields” instead of just athletic fields for the above statement and “remodeling of current pool into a multipurpose room”. Motion carried by a vote of 5 yes, to 1 no, with Jeff Thiel voting no.

Kit Dailey briefly reviewed the district mailing she will be preparing for the August 25 informational session. The Cedar Grove-Belgium Education Foundation will be sponsoring a cook-out for that event.

The board will wait until after the informational meeting to obtain public input regarding the proposed referendum questions before making the resolutions to go forward. A Special Board meeting to present referendum information to the public will be scheduled for Tuesday, August 25 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Middle School Commons. A Special Board meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, September 2 at 6 pm in the HS Library. At this meeting, the Board will review feedback from the communities on the proposed referendum questions and approve the resolutions.

5. Adjourn. President Paul adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

These minutes were read to the meeting of the school board of said school district held on August 12, 2009 and by action of the school board at said meeting were approved.

Dated August 12, 2009 Signed _____
Clerk

I, the School Board President of said School District hereby approve the foregoing minutes in accordance with the approval of the School Board aforesaid and hereby certify to said fact that said minutes are recorded in the official minute book of the open meeting of said school district.

Dated August 12, 2009 Signed _____
President