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Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Nauvoo-Colusa Jr. High School Audio-Visual Room
1050 East County Road 2450, Nauvoo, Illinois 62354

Website: <http://www.nauvoo-colusa.com>

1.0 Call to Order

Board meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Present: Mr. Barlow, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Poe, Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Sinele, and Mrs. Stevenson

Audience Present: Spencer Berry, Alan Berry, Tom Bertucci, Vanessa Kelly, Betsy Martens, Laura Atchison, Lori Bollin, John McCarty, Nikki Eaves, Darin Prost and Mr. Taylor.

The members began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 Recognition, Members of the Audience

3.01 Public Comment

Mr. Young started the Public Comment section by thanking the Advisory Committee for all the work they had done to educate the public about the referendum. The referendum passed with 80% of the voters supporting it.

Discussion then turned to when the new rate should be enacted. As a member of the committee, Spencer Berry told the board that a timeline was not really discussed at any of the public meetings. The referendum has been presented as a buffer to fill a hole. He indicated that the members of the public he had talked with had given him the basic message of the need to make things work once the referendum had been passed.

Mr. Young reported that due to the slowness of the State of Illinois' reimbursement, the Nauvoo Colusa School District could be \$300,000 in the red this year. There is also a need to build the education fund up. It is currently projected to only have a \$30,000 balance at the end of the year. He recommended that the board approve the levy now.

Discussion of the timing of the levy continued with the audience and board members.

4.0 Action Items

4.01 Consider a Resolution to Amend the Supplemental Budget for the Fiscal Year 2014

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to amend the Supplemental Budget for the Fiscal Year 2014 as presented. Sandy Stevenson gave a second to the motion.

Mr. Barlow – yes, Mr. Cox – yes, Mrs. Little – yes, Mrs. Poe – yes, Mr. Siegfried – yes, Mr. Sinele – yes, and Mrs. Stevenson – yes. Motion carried.

4.02 Consider Amending the 2013 Tax Levy to Increase the Education Fund

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to increase the Education Fund levy from 2.00 to 2.55 for the Fiscal Year 2015. Mr. Cox gave a second to the motion.

In discussion, board members indicated that they did not want the levy to go over the \$4.60 limit promised to voters.

Mr. Barlow – yes, Mr. Cox – yes, Mrs. Little – yes, Mrs. Poe – yes, Mr. Siegfried – yes, Mr. Sinele – yes, and Mrs. Stevenson – yes. Motion carried.

4.03 Consider a Discussion on the Grade School

The school's architect, Darin Prost, reported that the school district would be up for a Health and Life Safety Survey in 2016. At that time the State would expect that work had been done on the previous survey's recommendations. While a few things had been done, there would still be close to a million dollars' worth of improvements that need to be addressed.

Mr. Sinele asked the board and audience what they had heard about the impact of moving to one campus would have on the community. The Advisory committee indicated that they had not heard many negatives about moving to one campus. Concerns about the possibility of families who walked to school were brought up; however, further discussion indicated that they could still walk to bus stops.

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was the consensus of the board that a proposal to move the school to a one campus concept by the Fall of 2015 should be on the agenda of the next board meeting. That would give the district, employees and community a road map of where the district was headed and provide time to plan a smooth transition.

Mr. Prost will return to the April meeting with more firm plans on how to move to one campus and what steps need to be taken next.

Mayor McCarty reported that the City Building Committee feels that the elementary building is worth pursuing at the appraisal rate given. Poepping, Stone and Bach will be looking at the structure to determine the cost to renovate to the City's needs and to give an idea of the longevity of the facility. The City is looking at bringing City Offices, Police, Tourism and the Library to one building. The report will be reviewed by the committee and then brought to the full council. At some point the City would need a commitment from the school as to the price and the date when the district would need the full payment for the property.

5.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Poe made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. Cox.