

Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2023 6:30 PM Central

District Office Board Meeting Room
1110 Park Street
Boscobel, WI 53805

Present: Wendi Stitzer, Casey Updike, Jimmie Kaska, Kim Trumm, Greg Loos, Kaye Woodke and Todd Miller via Zoom

1. Call To Order – Proof of Public Notice- Wendi Stitzer, Board Vice President called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Agenda

5. Referendum Review Presentation

Jessica Darling and Christin Mlsna present to the board information regarding the upcoming referendum. Jessica explains the comprehensive referendum communications plan and what it consists of.

Jessica went on to show the board the graphics they will be using in the future and explained what the graphics are showing.

PHASE ONE OF LONG-RANGE MASTER PLAN Referendum Amount \$21.5M

EXPANSION AT MS-HS SITE TO CONSOLIDATE BUILDINGS - \$20.6M



- » Add classrooms, flex space, parent drop-off, and separate entrance for grades 4-5, allowing Rock to close as a school
- » Add bus loop, play area, additional parking and ADA parking
- » Add needed gym space for physical education and community use

MAINTENANCE TO ADDRESS HIGHEST PRIORITY DISTRICT-WIDE NEEDS - \$900,000

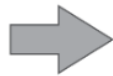


- » Repair roofing
- » Replace fire alarm systems
- » Replace flooring, ceilings, and doors
- » Create secure main entrance

CURRENT



Rock School
Grades: PK & K
Built in 1898



Elementary School
Grades: 1-5

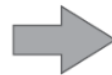


Middle-High School
Grades: 6-12

PROPOSED



Rock School
CLOSED
Built in 1898



Elementary School
Grades: PK-3



Middle-High School
with
Elementary Addition
Grades: 4-12

Jessica showed information regarding the average referendum tax impact if the referendum passes in April.

AVERAGE REFERENDUM TAX INCREASE

PROPERTY VALUE (Fair Market Value)	\$21.5 million \$2.36 per \$1,000 of property value*	
	Per Year	Per Month
\$100,000	\$236	\$19.67
\$200,000	\$472	\$39.33
\$300,000	\$708	\$59.00

Financial estimates provided by Robert W. Baird & Co. are planning estimates only. Estimates assume two 20-year bond issues at a 5.00%-5.25% interest rate and 2.00% annual equalized valuation growth for two years and 1.00% thereafter.

*The impact represents an average of the annual mill rate for referendum approved debt service over the life of the bonds.

The average home value in Boscobel is \$182,000 as of June 2022, which would be an estimated tax increase of about \$430 per year or \$35.79 per month.

Christin goes on to explain guidelines of communications to the board members, administration and district employees/staff can have when discussing the referendum. For example, they show what the board members, administration and district employees/staff would need to avoid or what is ok to say during any conversations based on the referendum. She went on to give more resources for everyone to use.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Contact your legal council about campaign practices
- Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) / elections.wi.gov/
- My Vote Wisconsin / myvote.wi.gov
- Wisconsin Public Education Network (WPEN) / wisconsinnetwork.org

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.A) Administrative Reports

6.A)1) Special Education Report

Laurie Genz Prien informs the board that they have finished the first round of depression screening last Wednesday with the 7th grade students. Everything went very well with the students and they did not find any concerns. March 2nd and 3rd is Early Childhood Days and 4K registration.

6.A)2) Elementary Principal Report

Danelle Schmid would like to thank Sara Richter as she helped tremendously covering classrooms when teachers needed to step out for the testing. Informs the board of a student teacher, Kristen Kohout, that has started with us this month in Mrs. Devine's kindergarten room. We will have 7 college students doing some practicum work with us: 1 from UW-Superior and 6 from UW-Platteville in grades 3 through 5. Education majors generally, spend a semester in practicum work that ranges from observations to helping 1:1 or small groups to support their coursework. I am very excited to have guests joining us! February 8th, we celebrated the 100th day of school! A few snow days pushed us back a bit, but we made it to our 100th day with warmer weather!

6.A)3) MS/HS Principal Report

Pete Schroeder informs the board of a practice ACT they had the Juniors participate in. The results showed our average was 18.6 with a high score of 34 and a low of 12. The state average is 19 and our goal is to get 20. On May 3rd we are hosting a large ensemble with 2 or 3 other schools at the Middle/High School. Pete discussed with Lisa and would like to possibly have only the High School students as virtual on May 3rd. Valedictorian and Salutatorian have been notified who they are and will wait to announce them at the next board meeting.

6.A)4) Athletic Director Report

Rob Scherrer informs the board winter sports are coming to an end. Trinity Steele will be wrestling this weekend on Saturday. Erin Knowles accomplished a 1000-point record. Recently, we have made a push to get all coaches up to date on their CPR and First Aid training. I think the recent happenings in the NFL have brought to light the importance of having trained personnel available if something were to happen during the course of a sports season. We are also in the process of certifying "non-school employees" who are coaches.

Currently we have 3 applicants for dual sports for our spring season. Rob will be having meetings with the coaches/parents/athletes involved in the very near future.

6.A)5) District Administrator Report

Lisa Wallin-Kapinus informed the board of upcoming community conversation meetings she would like to have. She went on to inform the board of the third Friday count in September and the 2nd Friday count in January showing we went from 703 students to 696 students showing a -7 student difference. The regular open enrollment application period for the 2023-24 school year begins on February 6, 2023, and ends at 4:00 pm on April 28, 2023. After this deadline, students would need to apply as alternative open-enrolled students.

Wednesday, March 22, 2023-Monona Terrace & Wisconsin State Capitol Conference registration is \$165. Registration includes materials, continental breakfast, and lunch. The deadline is Wednesday, March 15 at 5 p.m. No refunds for cancellations after that date. To cancel, call toll-free 877-705-4422. Join school board members and administrators from around the state on March 22 to advocate for your schools! In the morning, get the latest information and updates on the 2023-25 state budget and other legislation. Hear directly from state budget experts and legislative leaders. Get helpful talking points from WASB staff to use in your Capitol meetings. Then, meet with your legislators in their Capitol offices. The WASB will schedule meetings for you in the afternoon. Come prepared with your district's top issues/needs and local examples to reinforce your points. With the importance of this state budget to schools facing high inflation and limited state funding increases, school leaders need to make their voices heard.

7. Community Comments - Policy 0167.3 - Public Comments at Board Meetings

7.A) Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to four (4) minutes duration.

7.B) The portion of the meeting during which the comment of the public is invited shall be limited to twenty (20) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board.

8. ACTION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS

8.A) Board Minutes

Motion by Updike, second by Woodke to approve January 9th, 2023, January 16th, 2023, and January 23rd, 2023 Board Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

8.B) Budget Reports

Motion by Trumm, second by Woodke to approve the Budget Reports as presented. Motion carried.

8.C) Fund 46- ESSER III/Capital Improvement Plans

Nate Copsey informs the board they should reconsider doing the Elementary flooring. The previous bid was \$95,000 with asbestosis plus flooring. He would like to go with a different contractor. Nate is asking for \$120,000 as this would also cover painting the walls, redoing the flooring, and taking carpet of the walls.

Motion by Updike, second by Trumm to approve Fund 46- ESSER III/ Capital Improvement Plan to proceed with the Elementary School project using Fund 46 and not to exceed \$120,000. Motion carried.

9. ACTION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS

9.A) Dates for Committee of the Whole

Motion by Woodke, second by Updike to approve committee of the whole date for community conversations meetings March 8th, 16th, and 21st. Motion carried.

9.B) Long-Term Support Staff Substitute Pay

Motion by Woodke, second by Trumm to approve a wage increase to the same as the base wage of the position the individual is working for long-term support staff substitutes when working 10 consecutive days effective February 13, 2023. Motion carried.

9.C) AGR End of Semester School Board Review

Motion by Woodke, second by Updike to approve the AGR End of Semester Board Report as presented. Motion carried.

9.D) Donation(s)

Motion by Woodke, second by Trumm to approve the following donations with a letter of thanks: BMZ Adult Small Group for the assorted snack items to go toward our students/classrooms, Fiskars Company for the Fiskars scissors to toward our students/classroom use , Gundersen Boscobel Nursing Department for the assorted hats, mittens, scarves to go toward students at the Boscobel Elementary School, and GoMacro for the GoMacro bars to go toward snacks for the students. Motion carried.

Motion by Trumm, second by Woodke to convene into closed session at 7:45 pm. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Stitzer- Yes, Updike- Yes, Miller-Yes, Kaska- Yes, Trumm- Yes, Loos- Yes, and Woodke- Yes

9.E) The School Board May Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a public employee, including discussion of 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 staffing possibilities, and for the review of and discussion of possible discipline or termination of employees, legal matters and pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(f) to discuss student matters and student record related matters, including open enrollment; to discuss and take action, if appropriate, concerning: 1) Retirement/Resignation(s); 2) Employment; and 3) Alternative Open Enrollment Application(s)

9.F) Return to and reconvene in open session- Motion by Trumm, second by Woodke to reconvene in open session at 9:09 pm. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Stitzer- Yes, Updike- Yes, Miller-Yes, Kaska- Yes, Trumm- Yes, Loos- Yes, and Woodke- Yes

9.G) Action, if any is required by law to be taken in open session on items in closed session.

9.G)1) Retirement/Resignation(s)

9.G)2) Employment(s)

9.G)2)a) Bus Driver

Motion by Kaska, second by Trumm to approve the Bus Driver contract for Jason Sparrgrove as presented. Motion carried.

9.G)2)b) Summer Employment

9.G)2)c) Spring Coaches

Motion by Trumm, second by Woodke to approve Matthew Fritz as Track and Field Head Coach, James Marks as Baseball Head Coach, Todd Miller as Baseball Volunteer,

9.G)2)d) Long-Term Substitute(s)

Motion by Trumm, second by Woodke to approve Michelle Lange as Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher and Jessica Kinnett Long-Term Substitute 4K Teacher. Motion carried.

9.G)2)e) Substitute Teachers and Support Staff

9.G)3) Alternative Open Enrollment(s)

9.G)4) Engagement of Independent Investigator

Motion by Woodke, second by Kaska to approve the Independent Investigator for an investigation of student matters. Motion carried.

9.H) Adjourn- Motion by Trumm, second by Kaska to adjourn at 9:14 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Kaye Woodke, Clerk