

OSCEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT#1 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting

April 4, 2016

12:00 p.m.

Present: James Baker, Jacqueline Baker, Sylvester Belcher, Torian Bell, Ollie Collins, Michael Ephlin and Denise Williams

Absent: None

Others present: Michael Cox, Superintendent
Alfred Hogan, Assistant Superintendent
Jeanette Walker, Board Recorder
Archie Thomas, Osceola School Dist. Parent Liaison
Russell Leggett, Osceola School District Athletic Director
Frankie Gathen, Osceola High School Basketball Coach
Hardy Little, Jim Little & Jeremy Ellis with Little & Associates Architects
Rick Terry, Baldwin & Shell
Dan Lovelady and Marshall Hughes with First Security Beardsley Public Finance
Tim Cowan with ASP
Sandra Brand, Osceola Times

James Baker called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Cox stated that the purpose of the meeting is to consider asking the voters, in a special election on June 28, to raise the school millage by 1.5 mills and refunding two outstanding bond issues for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new basketball arena, renovate and upgrade the football/track facilities and constructing, refurbishing, remodeling and equipping other school facilities.

Dan Lovelady with First Security stated that we have to run an advertisement for the special election in next week's paper.

Hardy Little with Little & Associates presented the Basketball Arena plans. He stated that the fans will not access the seats from the basketball court. It will have 1830 seats, press box, spotlight box, two concessions, one men's restroom and two women restrooms, a Booster area, offices for ticket sales and an elevator for handicap accessibility. He stated the building will have a nice curb appeal and they will have the colored plans ready in a week or so. Coach Gathen stated the building needs to be big enough to hold state tournaments. Coach Leggett stated we need to secure the floor for safety reasons. After reviewing the plans, the Board agreed to remove the chair back seats from the end zone area and keep chair back seats on both home and visitor sides.

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Mr. Cox stated Tim Cowan is here and we are talking about a new synthetic turf football field, new running track and new LED lighting and when Tim Cowan presented his program to us he was talking about getting donations and we can still accept donations to the athletic department but we wouldn't be dependent on those donations. Coach Leggett said there is definitely a need and we are going to have to have new lighting any way and the irrigation is about gone. There are things we are going to have to replace regardless. Coach Leggett also stated that Track is becoming a dying breed in our area because there are no facilities. When we go to a conference meet we have to rent another person's track to be able to host our meet. I would definitely like to see this and a new basketball arena from an athletic standpoint and I think it would increase our numbers. Coach Leggett also informed the Board that we haven't been able to hold a track meet here in ten or twelve years due to the safety concerns of our track and a lot of people use our track in the evenings for exercise and whatever. He stated that track is starting to pick back up and we don't want to be left out.

Mr. Cowan stated that this is an eight week project if the weather is good and we need to get the design underway so the field can be ready for the first home game.

Dan Lovelady stated that there will be a reimbursement resolution built in to the bond so you can start construction and when the bond proceeds come in you can reimburse those funds you've spent. Mr. Cowan said it would be three weeks to a month from the time they break ground before any bills are due.

Mr. Lovelady reviewed with the Board the Millage, Bonded Debt and the Bond Coverage amounts and stated we would refund the 4/1/2010 and the 10/1/2010 bond issue and add 1.5 debt mills for construction. The new total rate will be 39.7 mills and there will be approximately \$6,135,000 for construction. The 2017-2018 proposed budget of expenditures and resolution will have to be put in the paper sixty days before the election.

Motion Jacqueline Baker, seconded by Torian Bell to adopt the Resolution with the Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 to and including June 30, 2018 as printed and to adopt the Petition setting the date of the Election for June 28, 2016. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion Sylvester Belcher, seconded by Torian Bell to submit an Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds with related documents for \$9,975,000 in Refunding and Construction Bonds to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as Fiscal Agent. Motion passed 7-0.

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Motion Jacqueline Baker, seconded by Torian Bell to adopt the Reimbursement Resolution authorizing the Osceola School District to reimburse the operating funds used for the purpose of construction. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Cox recommended that the Board hire Little & Associates Architects and Baldwin Shell as construction managers. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Denise Williams to accept Mr. Cox's recommendation. Motion passed 7-0.

Jacqueline Baker presented a plaque to Mr. Cox, Alfred Hogan, Coach Leggett and Coach Gathen on behalf of the Booster Club for their support in the 2016 Basketball season.

Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Torian Bell to adjourn. Motion passed by 7-0.
(1:30 p.m.)

(Signed) James Baker, President

(Signed) Denise Williams, Secretary