

MINUTES

PROJECT HEARING & PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION HEARING
SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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Minutes of
Project Hearing & Preliminary Determination Hearing
of the Board of Education at the
Lifetime Education Center
321 S 5th St.
Rockport, IN 47635
December 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Matt Bunner,
at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL:	Mr. Derek Allen, Member	Present
	Mr. Matt Bunner, President	Present
	Mr. Steve Haaff, Member	Present
	Mr. Scott Richard, Vice President	Present
	Mrs. Barbara Tuley, Secretary	Present
	Mr. Richard Rutherford, Superintendent	Present
	Mr. Bryan Rudisill, Attorney	Present

NEWS MEDIA:	Journal Democrat	Absent
	Spencer County Leader	Absent

PROJECT HEARING & PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION HEARING OF THE BOARD – DECEMBER 12, 2016 - 6:00 PM. IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE A.H. KENNEDY LIFETIME EDUCATION CENTER.

2016-186 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda of the December 12, 2016 Project Hearing & Preliminary Determination Hearing of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented.

Motion: Scott Richard
Second: Derek Allen
Vote: 5-0

2016-187 **WELCOME**

Board President Matt Bunner welcomed attendees explaining the purpose of the project to renovate high school facilities explaining that this project has been discussed for several years spanning multiple boards and superintendents. Bunner explained that the building has been well maintained but it is still over 40 years old and it is time for some updates. Bunner also explained that financially speaking this is the right time as debt from the elementary projects and pool renovations will be falling off so the HS renovation will not increase our debt levy. The total project is capped not to exceed 18 million of which 6 million has already been saved in capital project funds. Total bond issuance would not exceed 12 million.

2016-188 **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF HEARING**

Bryan Rudisill, School Corporation Attorney explained the legal aspects for the purpose of the hearing and the steps that need to be taken.

2016-189 **EDUCATIONAL NEED FOR PROJECT**

Dr. Richard Rutherford, Superintendent spoke about educational needs such as renovating science rooms, industrial tech areas and replacing temporary walls in the regular classrooms. Upgrades to building systems such as network infrastructure, PA systems and phones are also needed.

2016-190 **OVERVIEW OF PROJECT TO MEET THE EDUCATION NEEDS, COST & TIMING**

Duane Dart, Schmidt & Associates and Scot Stenftenagel discussing building needs and project phasing. Dart covered infrastructure needs with HVAC, electrical plumbing and ADA updates. He stated that many of these upgrades were not necessary 40 years ago. Stenftenagel said the project would begin with the design phase in early 2017 and construction would begin on exterior additions and support phase in the spring of 2018. Classroom construction would take place during the school year of 2018-2019 trying to keep classroom disruptions to a single school year. Overall completion would be by Jan. 2020. This schedule is a tentative as they have not begun the design phase.

2016-191 **FINANCIAL IMPACT OF PROJECT**

Dr. Rutherford explained project financing showing remaining payments for the elementary and pool renovations. Charts showed that this project can be completed with the bulk of the payments spread out over 9 years with smaller payments made in 2018 and 2019 overlapping old debt payments. Rutherford stated that the 12 million bond issuance would not change our tax levy level keeping it in the same 1.5 million range that is has been for many years.

2016-192 **HEARING OPENED TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENT**

After the presentations, the meeting was opened up for public comment. All comments were in favor of proceeding with the renovation. Some of the comments were ADA issues students deal with at the school and the need for upgrades. David Taylor, a classroom teacher, discussed HVAC issues and a need for updated modernized classrooms.

2016-193 **BOARD CONSIDERATION - *Bryan Rudisill Resolution Summaries***

The board passed resolutions unanimously to continue with the process.

1. Project Resolution

Motion: Steve Haaff
Second: Barbara Tuley
Vote: 5-0

2. Preliminary Determination Resolution

Motion: Scott Richard
Second: Derek Allen
Vote: 5-0

3. Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures

Motion: Steve Haaff
Second: Derek Allen
Vote: 5-0

2016-194 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Scott Richard
Second: Barbara Tuley
Vote: 5-0
Time: 6:26 P.M.