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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Thursday, December 4, 2024

2:30 PM - Building Committee Meeting

Harper Creek Administration Building

7454 B Drive North, Battle Creek, MI 49014

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:33 PM. Present: Mr. Smith, Mr. Bess, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Obermyer, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Maynard, Mr. Ridgeway.
- II. Discussion
 - A. Bond Timing: Mr. Ridgeway discussed the appropriate time to go out for Bond. Mr. Ridgeway stated that community members were concerned with a Bond being on a ballot which the district pays for the ballot. The earliest ballot that a bond could be on is the August 2025 ballot. Mr. Ridgeway discussed that space is still a concern with teachers on carts, early childhood at the high school, and the need for additional AISD classrooms.
 - B. Facilities Needs: Mr. Robinson discussed the document of facilities projects and estimates. The document illustrated the estimated cost, the need for architectural support, and the need for a construction manager.
 - C. Architect and Construction Manager: Mr. Ridgeway discussed the current architecture firm and construction management firm. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Ridgeway discussed the potential for interviewing construction management firms. Mr. Robinson added that Harper Creek could interview other districts on their experiences with construction management firms.
 - D. Naming of School Property: Mr. Ridgeway discussed the naming of a service drive for former student and team manager Matt Bryne. The idea was proposed by Mr. Quick and Mr. Greenman in honor of Matt whose spirit and kindness were the inspiration for the naming. Mrs. Wallace stated that a policy and procedure should be in place for the naming of any facilities.
- III. Action Steps:
 - A. Get information from marketing about bond procedures and supports
 - B. Find out the date of the primary for governor
 - C. Establish the best timing for bond
 - D. Start the interview process for Construction management
 - E. Contact Thrun to establish the Naming of Facilities Policy
- IV. Comments from the Audience: None
- V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.