

LINCOLN-WOODSTOCK COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD

SAU #68

DATE: August 23, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT:

Tamra Ham, Vice-Chairperson
Kevin Bell
Casey Caulder
Jasmine Weeden
Ashley Youngheim
Joe Bossie

SCHOOL BOARD ABSENT:

Jay Duguay

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF PRESENT:

Judith McGann, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Jason Robert, Principal
Debbie O'Connor, Financial Manager
Sharon Holt, Assistant to the Superintendent
Heather Krill, Teacher Representative
Bart King, Technology Support

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Mark Houde
Erin Bell

Trey Aldridge
Mary Steady

The Public Hearing was held in the Elementary School Multipurpose Room.

School Board Vice-Chair, Tamra Ham opened the public hearing at 6:31 PM.

Technology Expendable Trust Fund-Elementary Wi-Fi Upgrades:

- Trey Aldridge noted the Elementary Wi-Fi project represents year three of the campus wide Wi-Fi upgrade project to improve connectivity and speed. An access point has previously been added to each classroom in the Middle/High School and will now be added to the Elementary School classrooms as well. A contractor has been brought in to upgrade the Middle/High School Gym Wi-Fi and for adding the piping to the rooms. Additionally in the future, a taller radio tower will be added to provide outside Wi-Fi for the full campus including the fields. Technology changes quickly and plans will need to be made for major capital upgrades in seven years.
- Debbie O'Connor mentioned she provided the Board members with a summary of the balances in the Trust Fund accounts as well as a quote for the parts for the Wi-Fi project aside from the quote, an approximate additional \$5000 will be needed for the contractor. The suggestion would be that the Board vote to approve \$27,000-\$30,000 from the Technology Expendable Trust Fund for the Elementary Wi-Fi upgrade project.
- Tamra Ham asked Trey Aldridge for his recommendation on the project cost. Trey Aldridge answered \$27,000.

Joe Bossie made a motion to approve the use of up to \$27,000 from the Technology Expendable Trust Fund for the Elementary School Wi-Fi upgrades project. Kevin Bell seconded the motion. Discussion: None. Tamra Ham called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members present were in favor and the motion carried.

Facilities Expendable Trust Fund-Middle/High School HVAC:

- Debbie O'Connor mentioned there are two pieces to the Trust Fund request for the Middle/High School HVAC the first is for the \$100,000 that was included as part of the funding noted in the HVAC Warrant Article. The second piece is relating to a change order received from the HVAC contractors.
- Mark Houde explained while running the pipes and pumps to the building, the contractors found that none of the heaters had circuit setters. The circuit setters are needed to make it easier to run the HVAC system on variable drives. The cost for the circuit setters is \$13,045.
- Mark Houde mentioned an electric water heater was installed at the Middle/High School to provide hot water while the HVAC project was ongoing. It would be nice to keep the hot water heater to allow the larger HVAC system to be turned off for energy savings in future summers. The cost of the water heater is approximately \$800.

- Mark Houde noted the HVAC system is functional and the project is completed aside from placing the air handlers and curbs on the roof. The air handlers have been received and will be stored until next summer when they will be installed.

Kevin Bell made a motion to approve the use of \$113,045 from the Facilities Expendable Trust Fund for the Middle/High School HVAC project. Casey Caulder seconded the motion. Discussion: None. Tamra Ham called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members present were in favor and the motion carried.

Jasmine Weeden made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Joe Bossie seconded the motion. Discussion: None. Tamra Ham called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members present were in favor and the Hearing closed at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Holt, Assistant to the Superintendent