

**SPECIAL JOINT CITY, COUNTY, SCHOOL WELL MEETING**

**July 30, 2019**

A special Joint City, County, School WELL meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 518, Worthington, Minnesota, was held at the Worthington High School Media Center, 1211 Clary Street, Worthington, Minnesota on July 30, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The following were present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS – Joel Lorenz, Steve Schnieder, Mike Harberts, Adam Blume, Brad Shaffer, Linden Olson, Lori Dudley

NOBLES COUNTY COMISSIONERS – Matt Widboom, Gene Mets, Robert Demuth, Jr., Donald Linssen, Justin Ahlers

WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL – Mayor Mike Kuhle, Larry Janssen, Mike Harmon, Amy Ernst, Chad Cummings, Alan Oberloh

ADMINISTRATORS – John Landgaard, Superintendent, Tom Johnson, County Administrator, Steve Robinson, City Administrator

1. The meeting was called to order by each chair, Commissioner Widboom, Mayor Kuhle and School Board Chair Shaffer.
2. Motion by Commissioner Demuth, seconded by Commissioner Metz and unanimously passed to approve that all members were present.
3. Each chair welcomed everyone for coming.
4. Motion by Commissioner Ahlers, seconded by School Board Member Shaffer and unanimously passed to approve Commissioner Widboom as chair/facilitator of the meeting.
5. Commissioner Widboom welcomed everyone again for coming and reviewed the objective of the meeting.
6. County Administrator Johnson gave an overview of the WELL project and actions by each entity involved to date. City Administrator Robinson gave an overview on the city's position on the WELL project.
7. Kathy Craun President of the Nobles County Library Board presented the Library's position of the WELL project and indicated the Library Board voted 3 to 2 in support of the project with concerns about the location and the safety of the soil. Ryan McGaughy President of the Chamber of Commerce Board presented the Chambers position on the WELL Project and indicated they are interested in a joint partnership but would need to be within their budget to do so. Chad Cummings member of the Worthington Regional Health Care Foundation Board presented WRHCF's position of support for the WELL Project.
8. County Administrator Johnson reviewed the state bonding request process and indicated he has already submitted a bonding request application to the state. The building costs is estimated at \$41

million for an approximately 60,000 square foot building. Other factors he indicated that would affect the cost of the building are the new B3 state energy requirements in place and prevailing wage costs.

9. School Board Member Shaffer indicated that the school district has already committed 12.5 million to the collaborative project and extended the district's commitment to the project.
10. Motion by Commissioner Metz, seconded by Commissioner Demuth and unanimously passed to approve the County's commitment to the WELL project.
11. Motion by Council Member Janssen, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously passed to approve the City's commitment to property for the WELL Project at no charge for the land. The group also discussed soil remediation and cost responsibilities.
12. Motion by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously passed to approve the City to commit 1.5 million of the 2 million of a prior action that expired due to a sunset date and recommit 1.5 million to the WELL Project.
13. County Administrator Johnson discussed the timelines for development of the project and the need to develop a plan based on bond funding which he anticipates learning about in March. He mentioned the architects indicated 6-8 months of design. The group also discussed letters of support from each entity.
14. Commissioner Widboom indicated there were 2 requests for proposals reviewed by the boards/council. One from Wold Architects and Engineers and the other from LHB Architects.
15. Motion by Commissioner Demuth, seconded by Commissioner Linssen to approve LHB as architect for the WELL Project. Motion passed 6-7 with Commissioner Ahlers dissenting.
16. Motion by School Board Member Olson, seconded by School Board Member Lorenz and unanimously passed to approve LHB as architect for the WELL Project.
17. Motion by Council Member Harmon, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously passed to approve LHB as architect for the WELL Project.
18. The boards/council came to a consensus to authorize administration of each entity to begin development of a joint collaboration agreement.
19. Superintendent Landgaard discussed a need for an owner's representative to help with the project and a suggestion was made for the three administrators to research different owner representatives and make a recommendation to each of the boards/council. Also suggested use of a subcommittee and to designate representation from each entity.

Motion by Commissioner Metz, seconded by Commissioner Linssen and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

School Board Chair Shaffer adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Steve Schnieder, Clerk

Lisa Ahrenstorff, Deputy Clerk