

BOARD WORK SESSION

July 6, 2023

A board work session of the School Board of Independent School District No. 518, Worthington, Minnesota, was held at the District Office, at 1117 Marine Avenue, Worthington, Minnesota on July 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

The following were present: BOARD MEMBERS – Adam Blume, Steve Schnieder, Lori Dudley, Joel Lorenz, Tom Prins, Erin Schutte, Matt Widboom

ADMINISTRATORS – John Landgaard, David Skog, Josh Noble

The board discussed the new Juneteenth holiday added by the legislature effective June 2023. Mr. Landgaard indicated that there are two options to decide either to take away a holiday or add this holiday and go to 11 holidays instead of 10. Mr. Landgaard indicated that Administration recommends adding an 11th holiday for 12 month employees.

Mr. Landgaard presented the enrollment projections for 2023-2024 as of June 29, 2023. Prairie Elementary is at 730 students, the Intermediate School is at 664 students, the Middle School is at 662 students, the High School is at 1,154 students, the Learning Center is at 72 students for a grand total of 3,284 students. He also indicated that the current enrollment for VIBE is at 218.

Mr. Landgaard distributed and presented the budget forecast for the 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment increase is at 8%, Formula increase is at 4%, Expense inflation is at 5%, Projected Operations Revenues at \$54,711,000, Expenditures estimated at \$54,473,510. The Unassigned Fund Balance of \$18,000,000, the Assigned Fund balance of \$12,600,000 and the Other General Fund balance of \$1,200,000. Total Fund Balance is \$31,800,000.

Mr. Landgaard reviewed the District Action Plan with the board. Short- and long-term planning was discussed such as additional personnel, facility upgrades and facility maintenance.

Mr. Landgaard reviewed the draft resolution of renewal of the expiring operating referendum. He stated that legislation requires schools to renew for the same amount (\$500 per pupil) and at the same amount of time (10 years). He indicated that if the board wishes to renew the existing operating referendum, then it needs to do so by June 15, 2024. He is recommending to the board to renew the existing operating referendum and if additional funds are needed, then the board would need to hold a separate operating referendum in the future.

The board discussed facility needs such as the West future property uses such as softball field, soccer field etc. Parking lot improvements as Prairie, Middle School and the High School. High School second floor walkway and additional classrooms, cafeteria space and CTE program addition. Updates to the Special Education Offices at the High School and Prairie office. Mr. Landgaard indicated that some of the projects can be funded by LTMF dollars or special education and food services funds. The board discussed collaborative efforts with the college, WAYBA, etc. as it pertains to facility and activity needs. The general consensus was to have him start working on additional information

and costs for several of the higher priority projects such as the High School addition and Middle School track infield upgrade to turf and the board indicated that it would like to hold future talks on the facility and activity needs.

Since there were additional items on the work session agenda that didn't get addressed, administration will look at future dates for another work session for discussion.

Work session adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Steve Schnieder, Clerk

Lisa Ahrenstorff, Deputy Clerk