

## **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**November 29, 2023**

A special joint City, County, School Ice Arena meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 518, Worthington, Minnesota, was held at the Worthington High School Band Room, 1211 Clary Street, Worthington, Minnesota on November 29, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

The following were present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS – Joel Lorenz, Steve Schnieder, Lori Dudley, Erin Schutte, Matt Widboom

Absent: Tom Prins, Adam Blume

NOBLES COUNTY COMISSIONERS – Robert Demuth, Jr., Justin Ahlers, Gene Mets, Bob Paplow, Chris Dybeveck

WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL – Mayor Rick VonHoldt, Amy Ernst, Chad Cummings, Alaina Kolpin, Larry Janssen, Chris Kielblock

WORTHINGTON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION – Jason Johnson, Jay Milbrandt

ADMINISTRATORS – John Landgaard, Superintendent, Bruce Heitkamp, County Administrator, Steve Robinson, City Administrator

1. The meeting was called to order by each chair, Commissioner Demuth, Mayor VonHoldt and Board Chair Lorenz.
2. Motion by Commissioner Justin Ahlers, seconded by Commissioner Gene Metz and unanimously passed to approve the agenda for the November 29, 2023, Special School Board ice arena discussion meeting.
3. Motion by Council Member Janssen, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously passed to approve the agenda for the November 29, 2023, Special School Board ice arena discussion meeting.
4. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to approve the agenda for the November 29, 2023, Special School Board ice arena discussion meeting.
5. Mr. Landgaard reviewed the objective of the meeting and gave an overview of the different options along with budgeting information for an addition to the existing ice arena facility, reconstructing a shell over the existing facility or the option of building a new facility.

Mr. Johnson gave an overview of the existing ice arena. The arena has been in operation for 33 years and the refrigeration system was only expected to last 20 years so its 13 years past its life expectancy. Numerous repairs have been made to the facility to date. It would take an estimated \$5 million to limp the existing facility along for another series of life.

The boards discussed the idea of building a new facility and how much revenue it would generate for the community. The boards discussed the idea of building something grander and using the facility for other events. Also discussed was how each board would fund their portion of the cost of a new facility and where the new facility would be located.

It was ultimately decided that all entities meet separately to decide if they are willing to move forward with the idea of a new facility and for how much and to come back with a recommendation at a joint meeting after the first of the year.

Motion by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously passed to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Gene Metz, seconded by Commissioner Bob Paplow and unanimously passed to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Schutte and unanimously passed to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Steve Schnieder, Clerk

Lisa Ahrenstorff, Deputy Clerk