

September 9, 2024

Dr. Quin led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 p.m. The following board members were present Dr. Quin, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Beattie, Ms. Justice, Mr. Mullett, Dr. Rogers and Mr. Wolfe.

PROJECT HEARING - The Board held a project hearing on the proposed Project. Dr. Quin opened the hearing. He stated that if anyone would like to speak on the renovation of and improvements to school facilities, including deferred maintenance improvements, site and athletics improvements, and the purchase of technology and equipment (collectively, the "Project") for them to please sign the comment form located at the desk. He stated that everyone signed up to speak will be given 3 minutes each at the end of the hearing. He also requested that speakers only comment on the project. This is the first hearing on the preliminary determination for the Project. The Notice of both public hearings was published as legally required in the Peru Tribune on August 29, 2024, and was sent via first class mail to the Miami County Clerk. The proofs of publication of the notice of the hearings are on file and was presented.

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-26-7-37, before a school corporation may spend more than \$1,000,000 to build, repair or alter a school building that will be financed by a lease or bonds, it must hold a public hearing. Additionally, pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1, whenever a school corporation with a certain debt service tax rates proposes to issue bonds for the construction or renovation of a school building or buildings resulting in total costs in excess of certain thresholds, such school building or buildings resulting in total costs in excess of certain thresholds, such school corporation is required to hold two public hearings on its preliminary determination to issue such bonds. This public hearing and the consideration of resolutions, which are going to happen later, are the very beginning of the legal process. These resolutions establish the maximum financial terms for the proposed Project. The purpose of the hearing is two-fold: (1) to inform the public as to the proposed Projects; and (2) to allow all interested parties, taxpayers and patrons of the School Corporation to voice their opinions as to the Projects and ask any questions.

After the purpose of the hearing was explained, the presentations regarding the need for the Project were given. An evaluation of the existing facilities and equipment was then presented, as well as a discussion of the details of the proposed Project. The estimated Project cost and schedule were then presented to the public. It was explained how this Project could be funded, and the potential tax rate impact the Project would have on the community.

Dr. Quin then opened the hearing for public comment.

There were no public comments.

At 6:59 p.m. Mr. Mullett motioned to adjourn the public hearing.

The special meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Dr. Quin.

- I. TAG GRANT POLICY SECOND READING - Mr. McCormick reviewed the second reading of TAG grant for approval.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Justice the board voted 6-1-0, Dr. Quin voted no, to approve the proposed TAG grant.

- II. REQUEST TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

1. ACTE CONFERENCE - September 13-14, 2024 - Cindy Merrick - \$475.00 registration fee, \$172.00 lodging.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Wolfe the board unanimously approved the request to attend conference. 7-0.

With the no further business Dr. Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Secretary,

Brittany Justice