

Minutes of Special Board Meeting of January 26, 2011

President Sherm Voiles called the Special January 26 meeting of the Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Sherm Voiles, Richard Hendricks, Jeff DeMarre, Mike Pavlik

Dr. Gil Mendoza, Superintendent; Craig Spencer, Assistant Superintendent; Debra Barlow, Executive Director, Human Resources; Deb Campbell, Executive Director, Business Services; Erin LaVerdiere, Executive Director, Teaching & Learning; Ann Cook, Director, Communications; Susie Lynch, Director, Research & Assessment; Sandy Maynard, Chief Technology Officer; Hillery Berteaux, SEA President; Mandy Jowett, Recording Secretary.

Visitors: 0

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Excused Absence

Board President Sherm Voiles excused Director Greg Hanon from the meeting, however Greg participated in Executive Session.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Jeff DeMarre that the Board approve the agenda and supplemental agenda as presented: Seconded by Mike Pavlik. Motion unanimously carried.

Technology Plan Report

The Board received a report on funding for the District technology plan. A summary of that report follows:

Last year the School Board approved a Technology Plan with several strategies to support teaching and learning, upgrade hardware and improve systems. The Tech Plan was approved without a special funding strategy and has relied upon current general fund money and capital projects funds in its first year. The Plan was jumpstarted with the District's current school modernization projects providing funding for technology purchases. The economic downturn created a surplus in the capital projects fund due to lower than anticipated construction costs, a decrease in the cost of construction materials and highly competitive bids.

The School Board is considering funding the District Technology Plan by using surplus capital projects dollars to pay for allowable technology expenditures. Because of a change in state law, the District can transfer capital dollars to the general fund with authorization from the School Board through a resolution. If approved, this will provide some relief to the general fund by reducing the current year general fund expenditures for technology by \$600,000.

The Administration proposed a five-year, \$4.9 million scenario that supports the continued implementation of the Tech Plan while we develop strategies for sustainable funding of technology. This will provide a short-term funding strategy for technology through 2016. Concurrently the District will develop sustainable strategies to fund technology, both by looking ahead to state funding through the Prototypical Schools Funding Model and in planning for a possible Tech Levy in 2014.

Audience Comments

None

Meeting Recessed for Executive Session: 7:05 p.m.

President Sherm Voiles announced an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's mid-year evaluation. No Board action was anticipated.

Meeting Reconvened: 10:49 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Jeff DeMarre that the meeting be adjourned: Seconded by Mike Pavlik. Motion unanimously carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:50 p.m.

Gil Mendoza, Secretary
Board of Directors

Attest: _____
Sherm Voiles, President
Board of Directors