

Facilities Work Session  
Board of Education  
Independent School District #300  
September 3, 2014

Chair Jandt called the work session of the Board of Education of Independent School District #300 to order at 7:03 p.m. in the High School Conference room.

Clerk Nissen took roll call.

Board Present: Morken, Nissen, Wright, Jandt, Tornow, Dockendorff, Summerfield, and Superintendent Wilke

Superintendent Wilke provided a review of the following three current debt models from Springstead, noting that redevelopment of land gives us another tool to finance these bonds.

Option 1 - Goal is to maximize equalization- structured in three tiers because of the time it takes to build. The impact would be seen over a three year period which gives time for the redevelopment of the site, etc. and therefore more growth in tax capacity of the community. If the capacity grows, the overall taxes on homes go down. However, the numbers presented assumed no growth.

Option 2 - Pushing more into the first year, the actual equalization goes down.

Option 3 - Captures maximum equalization. Part of the proceeds from selling the land (\$250, 000) are used to limit the tax increase that occurs in the third year. After that the tax impact stays level until the tenth year and then bumps up. But that gives the District ten years for the tax capacity to increase, which will lower the tax to a point it won't be as big as it is now. No growth factors were included in this calculation. In ten years the District can look at refinancing these bonds when it bumps up to \$102. The amount is also below the allowable tax tolerance as determined in the survey.

Equalization is received on the back end of the schedule. If the time is reduced, it could reduce the equalization. This would be taken into consideration when refinancing.

Superintendent Wilke noted there is still some fine tuning we can do; some bonds could be issued for twenty years and some for thirty years.

Updates on the Elementary RFP followed, with consideration of the next steps and actions as presented in the Master Tasks and Guidelines document. A draft of the Review and Comment for submission to MDE will be sent out for Board review prior to the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Superintendent Wilke advised that the Board needs to set the precincts and polling places for the January election. Previous District stand-alone elections designated one polling place in Hokah and one in LaCrescent. The additional cost for two polls rather than one would be approximately \$1000.

Details of interior plans are being developed by Doug Ramsey.

MOTION: Dockendorff moved, Summerfield seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Ruth Nissen, Clerk