

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PRENTICE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, May 7, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Prentice School Library

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Erickson at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board members present: Adams, Blomberg, Erickson, Gladson, Gruber, Hueckman, Isaacson, Palmquist and Pierson.

Erickson introduced Mary Blaha with Baird Financial. Mary had previously been with a small school district, for the last two years has been with the Baird Company. She reviewed the team members of Baird involved in school finance. The goal is to understand what it takes to pass a referendum that is agreeable to the taxpayers and meeting the districts needs.

Mary gave a power point presentation which will be available for viewing thru the school web site.

Her presentation covered the following. Referendum Trends Local and Statewide, School Finance 101, Revenues, Expenditures and Next Steps.

Wendy Sielaff was present and handed out some Baird Budget Forecast Models. Also handed out was a 2024-2025 current expense budget parameters as of 5/6/2024. Along with that was a summary of referendum survey results received so far.

Discussed were the three referendum amounts being proposed. 1.2, 1.5 and 1.7 million dollars all of which would be Non-Recurring.

School districts can run 2 referendums in a year, Prentice did one in April. Next opportunities would be this August or November. Paperwork needs to be turned into the state at least 70 days prior to running of a referendum.

Mary commented that running a short referendum like two years would put the district in an endless cycle. Thought should be given as to when the referendum should end and how that fits in with the states biennial budget cycle. The question was asked how much does it cost the district to run a referendum. Wendy will look into that.

The question was asked about selling lands the district owns to help with the budget.

There are a couple small parcels in Prentice and Ogema that could be sold. Wild lands the district owns if sold would revert back to the county.

If a November referendum was run the board would have to approve two budgets. One if it was successful the other if it wasn't.

Erickson thanked Mary for coming to the meeting and doing the presentation.

Motion Blomberg, second Gladson to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.84(1)(c) and 118.22 (3) of Wisconsin Statutes to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility... Specifically, data related to issue and serve final non-renewal notice to teacher.

Unanimous yes roll call vote, the motion carried.

The meeting moved into closed session at 8:10 PM.

The meeting adjourned from closed session at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Darrell E. Pierson, Board of Education Clerk