

February Board Meeting Notes

4c. Finances are coming along as expected. With the TLC and increased enrollment last year we had planned for a sizable increase in expenses.

4d. Mr. Schmitt has a couple of personnel recommendations to make.

8a. Last month we brought an update on FM controls because of issues in the downtown building. You asked us to hold off and do the minimum until after the election. We are now looking at only addressing the boilers that take care of the entire facility. This will cost \$9,400 and I recommend we approve this.

9a. We need to officially accept the results of the February 7th election.

9b. We need to pass a resolution that officially gives me permission to begin working on the school project.

Since the New Hampton Voters approved the referendum on February 7th, I Hereby move that we promptly move forward with the Middle School Addition, Vocational Technologies Addition and related work approved by our voters, and direct the Administration and it's staff planning groups to work with FCMG toward completing the Educational Programming and Schematic Design Phases of these projects for further Board review and approvals, and to authorize the District's Owner Representative, Facilities Cost Management Group, LLC, to complete work in these Phases and commence work in the Design Development Phase for the projects as included in the conceptual project scopes and budgets presented to and approved by the voters and District, and to proceed toward competitive bidding of Site Preparation work as early as April or May of this year, and for the additions and related remodeling to follow.

9c. The Cross Country will like to hold a 5K this spring on April 8th as a fund raiser for their program. I recommend we approve this.

9d. Approve Spanish Trip Fund raiser. You may recall the Spanish and science departments are planning a trip and would like to do a fund raiser. They are looking to sell some products as you can see from the attached sheets.

9e. I have received two early retirement applications. I have visited with the individuals and recommend you approve them.

9f. I have been approached by Joan Knoll, the county auditor, about eliminating the polling place in Alta Vista. We didn't have it for the referendum, as it would have added \$800 to \$1,000 to the cost of the election. We normally get very low turnout there. I did hear from several people who were upset that it wasn't there for the referendum, but every person I talked with on the issue, stated they did indeed vote. I recommend we eliminate the location.

9g. I will have a copy of the draft of the school calendar for your review. This matches the Turkey Valley calendar very closely. The big change to be aware of is the elimination of early outs on Wednesday and moving to full days once a month. This does have us doing less total student contact days, but we still have ample hours to offset this. In fact, with the elimination of the early outs, our hours difference between this year and next is pretty minimal.

9h. To speed up the design process, the architect would like to do some soil borings to measure the quality of the soil on our building site. We did some last time, but that was concentrated on the south side of the high school. This is part of the project and will be paid by the bonds when they are issued, but we will need to use SAVE funds at this time.

9i. There is some discussion in Des Moines on extending the 1 cent sales tax. We need to spend some time advocating for this and I suggest as a board we pass a resolution saying we are in favor of it and we will advocate for its passage.

9j. I will give you a preview of the budget for next school year. The only thing I don't have in there yet, is the financing for the new bonds, but it is easy to calculate.

9k. Since we saw a decline in enrollment, we need to pass a budget guarantee resolution which guarantees us 101% of last year's funding. Please note, that the following year we lose that extra 1% funding so we will see a larger decline. Either way, we need to pass this in order to get the spending authority for that amount.

11a. We will need to enter closed session to discuss the purchase of some land to replace our football practice field. I will have details for you in the meeting.