

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT #2342  
WEST CENTRAL AREA SECONDARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER  
April 8, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by Nessman. Members present were Grosz, Christenson, Strunk, Beuckens, Nessman, Sabolik, and Ulrich. Members Absent: None Administration present: Hogie. Administration absent: Foslien, Powers, Knutson, Moerke, Prasch, Amundson, and McNamara

Visitors: Nicole Hanson

Motion by Beuckens, seconded by Strunk, to adopt the agenda. Roll Call: Grosz-yes, Ulrich-yes, Christenson-yes, Grosz-yes, Nessman-yes, Strunk-yes, Beuckens-yes. MCU

A recruitment video was shared with the board and will be used with job postings on our website and edpost.

Motion by Sabolik, seconded by Strunk to approve a special health insurance opportunity offered by Medica in response to COVID-19 concerns. Roll Call vote: Grosz-yes, Ulrich-yes, Christenson-yes, Grosz-yes, Nessman-yes, Strunk-yes, Beuckens-yes. MCU

Discussion was had by the board members regarding the bond referendum. Mr. Hogie commented that a decision needs to be made on how the district is going to move forward. He is aware of the concerns with the recent events with the pandemic. Even though the district currently has a surplus, we are still paying staff and the 2% increase is approximately \$142,000. The surplus will be depleted. The district still has staff needs that have to be addressed such as hiring a math teacher, a mental health professional, and special education teacher.

Other board comments to consider: may be necessary to postpone referendum due to COVID-19 concerns, community is not concerned about facilities at this time they are concerned with jobs and family. We need to get information out to the public on the things that we learned since the survey. Board unsure if another survey is needed or if we need the insight from the community. August is not a good time for a vote and may need to be pushed back to November. Everybody is nervous and there is fear in society right now. The board needs to do their job and mitigate fear, it is our duty to educate the public. We need to move forward with the vote. The status of our economy is not going away. It is going to cost us more in the future if we delay the vote, funding is at historical lows currently. We need to send out information and find ways to communicate with all of our constituents.

A decision was made that an agenda item will be added to the next meeting to move the voting on the referendum from August to November 2020. Also, an action item will be added to determine if we should send out another survey.

Motion by Christenson, seconded by Ulrich. Roll Call vote: Grosz-yes, Ulrich-yes, Christenson-yes, Grosz-yes, Nessman-yes, Strunk-yes, Beuckens-yes. MCU

Sara Strunk  
Clerk