

Special School Board Meeting – October 14, 2024

Board Members Present: President Chaz Heinz, Vice President Terry Larsen, Treasurer Pamela Peterson, Clerk Kim Johnson, Directors Mark Elliott, Katie Smith and Galina Werdier

Others Present: District Administrator Joshua Hetfeld, District Accountant Crystal Houman

Board President Chaz Heinz called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Joshua Hetfeld presented information regarding debt defeasance to the full board. Debt defeasance is a process in which, by law, the board is allowed to increase the Fund 39 portion of the tax levy in order to pay off the district's debt earlier than planned. Two main reasons that districts utilize this process would be to save money by decreasing the amount of interest paid, and to also maintain the mill rate at a consistent rate.

The district's bond for the 2020 Referendum will become callable in 2027. If the district were to increase the tax levy, the district could see a savings of approximately \$50,000 in interest payments.

The board discussed the pros and cons of this process in addition to the upcoming operating/maintenance costs that the district is facing in the near future. After much discussion, the board felt that they would prefer to hold off on doing anything at this time and will revisit it during the development of the District's Strategic Plan.

Motion by Pam Peterson/Chaz Heinz to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Kim Johnson