

MINUTES OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MANCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
June 4, 2019

The Manchester Community Schools' Board of Trustees met at Manchester Community Schools Administration Offices on June 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members were present or absent as follows:

PRESENT: Mrs. Ruth Ayres, Mr. Steve Flack, Mr. Brice Bedke, Mr. Rick Espeset, Mr. David Terflinger, and Mr. Michael Hensley

Also in Attendance: Jeremy Markham, Business Manager; Mr. Mark Frantz, Attorney, Dr. Teresa Gremaux, Superintendent

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ruth Ayres, School Board President, called the meeting of the Manchester Community Schools' Board of Trustees to order at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Ayres led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Ayres then asked if there were any additions or deletions. Mr. Hensley asked what the board was allowed to do at this meeting as far as board replacement or anything such as that. Mrs. Ayres said that was not on the agenda for this meeting. She stated that this meeting was about the Special Preliminary Project Plans. Mr. Terflinger said it could be placed on the agenda if wanted. Mr. Hensley wanted to clarify what we were here to meet about. Mark Frantz said it was sent out as a Special Meeting and not a work session. Mr. Hensley stated he would talk with the board about it after the meeting. Mr. Hensley stated he would table it at this time. There was no public comment on any agenda items.

PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY PROJECT PLANS

Mrs. Ayres shared some information about what has led us up to this point. She stated that it started in the February 2019 board meeting. The February Board meeting was dedicated to safety reports. The minutes from that meeting were pulled up. Mrs. Ayres then spoke about the safety board that met in Executive Session regarding safety and security. Mrs. Ayres stated that in that session Mr. Mikel had compiled a list of safety items to address and asked the board to prioritize the safety and security needs. He also encouraged the board to share safety and security needs that might not be on the list but the board wanted prioritized. Mrs. Ayres said there was conversation about waiting until the new Superintendent was hired and that some of the board felt strongly about moving forward with the project. The Board asked Mr. Mikel to collaborate with school personnel and bring a recommendation to the board. Mr. Mikel put together a team and worked with the safety specialist, with school administrators, with maintenance directors, and others that had knowledge about this. Mr. Hensley asked who was the security specialist. Mrs. Ayres said that it was Mr. Bishir and Mrs. Korus who both have training. He then asked if there were any external security specialist. At the direction of the board Mr. Mikel worked with Dana from Barton-Coe-Vilamaa and a civil engineer to watch bus hub operate. Mr. Hensley asked Dana if he was a certified security expert and he replied that he was not. Mr. Hensley asked if Dana had anyone on his staff that was certified and he replied he did not. Mr. Hensley asked if this was normal procedure for school to which Dana replied that yes it was. Mr. Terflinger then asked Dana if he was here in the morning or the afternoon at the bus hub. Dana said he was here in the morning and Mr. Terflinger stated that he thought it was made clear that Dana was to be here in the morning. Dana apologized for any misunderstanding. Mr. Terflinger spoke about the February meeting that Mr. Mikel was going to reach out to Moake Park and Mr. Terflinger expressed concern that most of the security stuff voted down was specifically named in the referendum and is supposed to die for 700 days. He said that is why he pushed for a facilities committee to start working on this together per our policy. Mrs. Ayres shared a list of the meetings that the board has had and there were well over a dozen meetings that they have had, starting with asking Mr. Mikel to bring the board a proposal until tonight. Mrs. Ayres thanked Mr. Mikel for his work and his willingness to share his findings even after his contract was over. Mrs. Ayres stated that because of the climate of mistrust between board members and the community, her and Mr. Mikel decided to slow down the process and share a vision of a possible project with the board. Mrs. Ayres stated that no decisions have been made and no money has been spent. This is an effort to build trust among the board and the community. Mr. Mikel and Mr. Dana Wannamaker from Barton-Coe-Vilamaa then presented the Preliminary Project Plans. After the presentation Mrs. Ayres thanked both Mr. Mikel and Mr. Wannamaker for their time.

COMMENTS FROM VISITOR

Pat Meyer spoke about concern of bus safety and access to high school and potential for problems. She feels like there should be more than one card entrance.

Jeff Huber thanked the board for taking on this process. He stated that the lighting at the high school is a major concern. The parking lot is pitch black a lot when teens get back late. He spoke about how bus hub is very controlled and organized now verses eight years ago when he arrived here. He stated that there were many things that the high school and jr high guidance counselors have done to help with the amount of time the students need to walk back and forth between buildings.

Amber Isley spoke and feels like the proposal is similar to the same thing as the referendum and wondered if the 700 days is part of this. She wants to know where the community involvement starts. Mr. Hensley stated that the new superintendent is in place and she is all about community. He stated that she is the leader of the school cooperation and he has high confidence that concerns in the past will be addressed. Mrs. Isley also spoke of the question and answer meeting that was held. She mentioned that mental health and counseling needs to happen with the children.

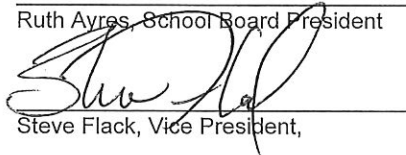
#### COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Terflinger spoke about a facilities committee that he would like to see formed. He feels like it gives the board complete unmanufactured data and makes it neutral. The committee would make recommendations or alternate solutions. They will not spend any money and have no fiscal power. Dr. Gremaux said that she had some ideas regarding this and would like to propose to the board at some point. Mrs. Ayres stated that she appreciated the community input and all the comments that were said. Mrs. Ayres feels that there are projects that have been around for along time and that if kids were hurt or harmed and the board said that they knew about this for a decade and nothing had been done that gives her some urgency to some of the things. There is also a pressing need to listen and get as much input as possible. She feels that the thought of talking for another six or eight months is concerning because there are children that could potentially be at risk. Mrs. Ayres stated she was pleased that Dr. Gremaux is here. Mr. Espeset commented on separation of time and asked Mr. Frantz to clarify. Mr. Frantz said there is misconception on the 700 days that prevents anything from being considered. It only prevents a public question from going back to referendum so the board could have voted the day after referendum to redo the whole project. It just means it would have to wait to go through a referendum project again. There is nothing that prevents this project or any portion of the project that did not pass last year from being in this one. Mr. Frantz said we are very safe moving forward with this. Mr. Terflinger said that the board is behind Dr. Gremaux and appreciates her collaboration with the board.


#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mrs. Ruth Ayres, School Board President, adjourned the Manchester Community Schools' Board of Trustees Board Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

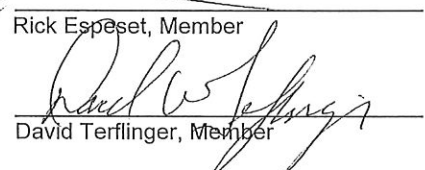
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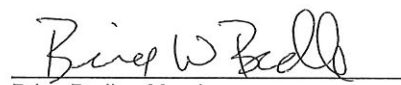
Steve Flack, Vice President,



Rick Espeset, Member



David Terflinger, Member



Brice Bedke, Member



Michael Hensley, Member