

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1  
August 15, 2020

Special Meeting  
8/15/2020

A Special Meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held August 15, 2020, at the Board of Education Administrative Offices (Gym), 17715 Brady St., Redford, MI 48240. The meeting was also virtual through Zoom.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6356467132?pwd=ZTIQby9YTW53NE9aSFJ1YitEdjVyQT09>

Meeting ID: 635 646 7132

Password: RUStrong

President Gubachy called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Call to Order

Present: Caloia (Late 9:04 AM), Gubachy, Kick, Osowski, Pridemore, and Robinson

Roll Call

Absent: Gray

President Gubachy asked everyone to please place their cell phones on silent or vibrate.

President's Remarks

None.

Interim Superintendent's  
Remarks

None.

Call to the Audience: Public  
Participation Regarding  
Special Meetings

It was moved by Member Osowski, seconded by Member Kick to adopt the agenda of August 15, 2020, Special Board Meeting as presented.

Adoption of  
Agenda as Presented

Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Presentation: Review Plante Moran Assessment  
Presented by Plante Moran Cresa Nicole Blocker and via Zoom Greg VanKirk and Paul Willis.

Presentation:  
Review of Plante Moran  
Assessment

Ms. Blocker provided handouts and presented on the Strategic Capital Planning PowerPoint. The PowerPoint Presentation would be available upon request.

Plante Moran Cresa performed the property assessment at the request of the District for the district's instructional, support services, transportation, and/or administrative buildings back in January 2020.

The goal of the assessment was to provide the District with a capital planning template with three major components: critical need, deferred maintenance, and property enhancements.

A summary of findings:

The District currently has approximately 600,000 SF among 9 facilities. The 10-year capital assessment costs are approximately \$76,935,937 (including anticipated cost escalation).

Critical Need (1-3 years): 39,109,006

Deferred Maintenance (4-6 years): \$13,486,881

Property Enhancement (7-10 years): \$24,340,050

There were questions and answers.

It was pointed out that there was an error on page 58 (Regarding Building 9 – Interfaith/Old School House) of the Facility Assessment Report. The bottom picture was an aerial view of the Transportation/Warehouse.

Interim Superintendent Witt would check to see if there would be funding available for Head Start using the Beck Building.

There will be no onsite Head Start or GSRP Program during the remote learning Return to school.

It was suggested that the District keep the playground at Keeler.

Interim Superintendent Witt asked what the cost would be for a new construction building to house transportation/facilities instead of the \$1.8 cost to renovate the current facility.

Interim Superintendent Witt will look at the Durham contract to see if they pay the District rent for housing their buses, and other items on the District property.

Interim Superintendent Witt said that the assessment was intended to be a snapshot of the District's current state of the facilities to give the Administration and Board a starting point for conversation, how long things would take for repairs/renovation and the cost. It was not the Administration's recommendation nor the Board's recommendation relative to what a Bond or Sinking Fund may go towards. That would involve a lot more discussion and a lot more consideration. This assessment is not a

recommended scope of a Bond Project or Sinking Fund that the District may determine to pursue some day in the future.

It was suggested that before the assessment is finalized that the District look at each building for utilization since things have changed.

It would take about 3 years for the renovations to be completed.

The Board asked Plante Moran to provide what the projected cost would be to demolish MacGowan, Stuckey, Beck and Keeler. And what could they do with the land. This information would be for a talking point.

The District needs a footprint of the buildings and capacity. The District needs to know what the District's capacity is projected to be and they need to understand the current capacity of the buildings even if the buildings need to be reconfigured or restructured. For discussion purposes.

The District will sign a Letter of Intent to Interfaith Relief so they could have a roof put on the building.

The Old School House belongs to the District and the Board agreed that something needs to be done to renovate the building and use it for something. It is a historical building. The District could contact the Historical Society.

Board Secretary Robinson said that the District has a bad reputation, it is a lot going on and a lot of changes. If the District asks the voters for more money they would say no.

Trustee Caloia asked to move on with the Agenda. There was no second to that motion.

Trustee Pridemore agreed with Secretary Robinson regarding asking for more money now would be a no. However, it would be a year from now when the community would have to vote.

The Board thanks Ms. Blocker for her presentation.

Ms. Blocker said she will be in touch for how to proceed.

Treasurer Kick said to move a Bond forward, the Board has to be a unit. They have to be on the same page. Talk with people, stand in the parking lot, go knock on doors.

Treasurer Kick created an Excel spreadsheet of the assessment information and he will share it with the Board.

Vice-President Osowski said that the District needs to push forward for the May Election. If it does not pass, they can do it again in November. As said previously the assessment was a placeholder. They need to get the utilization from Plante Moran so

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they can see what building they need. He would like to have a special meeting or at the next Facilities Meeting keep pushing with Plante Moran.

- A. Monday, September 14, 2020 – Facilities Committee Meeting – 5:30 PM  
Board of Education Administrative Office (Conf Room), 17715 Brady Street, Redford, MI 48240
- B. Monday, September 14, 2020 – Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM  
Board of Education Administrative Office, 17715 Brady Street, Redford, MI 48240

Future  
Meetings  
Dates

It was moved by Member Caloia, seconded by Member Kick to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 AM.

Adjournment

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jennifer Robinson (Sep 10, 2020 08:56 EDT)

Jennifer Robinson  
Secretary  
Redford Union Schools  
Board of Education