

**Records of Proceedings
Minutes of the Manchester
Board of Education
Special Meeting
April 11, 2016**

A special meeting of the Manchester Local Board of Education was held April 11, 2016 at the Manchester High School. Mr. Sponseller called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken:

Rick Sponseller
Mark Tallman
Kelly Dolan
Randy Hoppe
Cindy McDonald

1. Motion by Tallman, seconded by Dolan to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2016 regular meeting.

Roll call: Mr. Sponseller, aye; Mr. Tallman, aye;
Mrs. Dolan, aye; Mr. Hoppe, aye;
Mrs. McDonald, aye.

Motion carried 5-0

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Mr. Sponseller opened the floor to have public input regarding the building bond issue.

Carl Fry stated he is a resident of Manchester and his mind was changed from a no vote to a yes vote. He knows that we will have to spend the money one way or another for the schools. They are what attract people to our community; it's a big selling point. We have a great community and we want it to keep growing. He asked if there was any thought to hiring a marketing firm?

Dr. Robinson responded that our schools are the center point of the community and that we will investigate using a marketing firm.

Nicole Galloway asked who got the literature. She knew of older people in the community or people who don't have kids in the school and they didn't get any information.

Dr. Robinson responded that in 2008-09 we went door to door for the new buildings and it didn't pass. We used social media and the website to get info out. Point was taken about information not getting out to everyone and it will be addressed.

Nick Aulman asked about the \$30 million cost. Asked about saving a \$1million per year. He asked about the cost of special needs kids and possibility of saving money.

Dr. Robinson stated that we are required by the state to educate all children. He also stated that the state does not give us \$1 million a year.

Rob Seders talked about the cost to renovate or to replace. He stated that if the cost is 70% of cost to replace, the state wants you to replace, not renovate.

Steve McCracken asked about the savings of the old buildings versus the cost of new buildings.

Rob Seders stated there would be significant savings on utilities with the new windows and light sensors that would be used in the new buildings.

Steve McCracken stated that he moved to Manchester recently because of the community. He asked about the day to day costs to replace rather than repair. He believes that getting that information out the community would be helpful.

Dr. Robinson talked about the cost to run the district on a daily basis. He said we watch every penny.

Ken Tallman asked how many voters are in New Franklin. Dr. Robinson responded, about 6,000 in the Manchester School District. Mr. Tallman said we need to convince people who vote to vote yes. He has voted yes for all the school issues. We need to publicize to people who are voting no. What is more important than our kids!

Al Bollas spoke and said he has a different perspective than most people there. He is upset with the state putting government entities against each other. We all are losing state funding. The biggest concern is safety in the schools. We all need to work together. He has a comprehensive land use plan. The lack of business in New Franklin equals the lack of infrastructure. Good schools make good neighbors.

Dr. Robinson talked about the DARE program in the schools. New Franklin was ranked in the 100th safest cities in the country. He is concerned about the infrastructure of the schools and the security at the doors and in case of a fire, there would be sprinklers installed in the new buildings.

Amy Meredith agrees that the schools need help. She asked if the community understands what is needed for the schools. What does the community want for the schools? She stated that we need to take a step back and talk to our community. Over half the voters voted no, we need to talk to the community.

Mark Tallman talked about all the community meetings that the board had. He asked why the community wasn't at those meetings to tell us what they wanted.

Dr. Robinson agrees that we need to get the word out better. We will ask the community for their input once the bond issue is passed.

Mike Cireno is a retired fire fighter in Akron. He understands what we are trying to accomplish. He believes that it is bad timing with the economy. You can only do what you can do. You can only go to the voters so much.

Dr. Robinson said there will always be needs. The needs are based on kids in the buildings.

Jack Daniels asked about segmenting in November.

Dr. Robinson said the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission is checking to see if we can Segment in November. He stated that the whole process would start over again if segmenting was approved by the OFCC. We will become a lapsed district again if this bond issue does not pass.

Al Bollas said they are putting the income tax on the ballot on August 2nd. It will be a 1% income tax increase. If this increase passes they will drop the 2.5 mil policy levy.

Jason Masuka asked if there was any effort made to register new voters.

Dr. Robinson replied that there is a registration committee and it was discussed in the history classes at the high school. Mr. Ankrom registered 17 year olds and worked on absentee ballots with students that are off in college.

2. Motion by Sponseller, seconded by McDonald, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer to approve the resolution declaring the necessity of submitting to the Electors of the school district the single question of the issuance of school facilities improvement bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$30,586,437 and the levy of the additional tax of 0.5 mills to provide funds of the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements, pursuant to section 5705.218 of the revised code.

Roll call: Mr. Sponseller, aye; Mr. Tallman, aye;
Mrs. Dolan, aye; Mr. Hoppe, aye;
Mrs. McDonald, aye.

Motion carried 5-0

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Mr. Sponseller announced that the next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, April 26th at the Nimisila Annex.

3. Motion by Hoppe, seconded by Sponseller to adjourn.

Roll call: Mr. Sponseller, aye; Mr. Tallman, aye;
Mrs. Dolan, aye; Mr. Hoppe, aye;
Mrs. McDonald, aye.

Motion carried 5-0

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Richard Sponseller, Board President

Jennifer Rucker, Treasurer