

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ARCADIA
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2017**

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Arcadia was held in the high school room 219 in the City of Arcadia, County of Trempealeau, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, October 4, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, Loren Wolfe. Board members present were Loren Wolfe, Rodney Walters, Mike Edmunds, Brian Steinlicht and Paul Servais. Also present was Louie Ferguson, Rob Reichwien, Jason Lockington, Bill Lockington, Ben Golden, Alan Herman, Michele Butler, and Bruce Schweisthal.

Loren Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Rodney Walters to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Rob Reichwein spoke during citizens comments.

Randy Nilsestuen and Dana Conrad arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Letter from the Wanek Foundation was presented by Louie Ferguson to donate 75% up to 10 million for athletic arena.

Louie Ferguson led discussion on a middle school gym referendum.

President Loren Wolfe stated that Davy wants to get the drainage figured out before he does any planning. We need the footprint of impervious site (roof, blacktop, concrete).

Loren Wolfe stated that we also need to plan for better access. Gavney road needs to expand through to Fairfield. We need to leave the north east corner of the property available to build an elementary school in the future.

Louie Ferguson stated that we need to start interviewing architects.

Mike Edmunds asked what is the City needing. Mayor Rob Reichwein responded by stating the City can get by with their buildings for city hall, fire and police station but would like a new library and community rooms and the Park and Recreation should be part of the new arena. We should have the library and part of the arena open at all hours to the community. They will also need offices for staff.

If we have a building open to the public, how do we limit individuals who are not allowed near students. Facility should be separated so that a section of arena can be closed off from the public during the school day. The City would also like meeting rooms in the community center.

The public library is highly utilized by the community. Having it located near students would be an advantage.

Questions asked: Can we set this building up to be modular so that the library and other community center portions can share spaces? Can we have a stage area in this building for performances? Can we set up a foundation to fund the operational costs of the library, community center and recreation center? Will people donate to that foundation to keep it running? Would a foundation committee be set up to control funding?

Approximately 15 cents per thousand would be the increase on the tax levy.

Foundation idea will need to be set up somewhat beforehand so that the public knows how maintenance and salaries are taken care of outside the school district tax base.

This has to be set up to as a benefit for the community to get the tax payers to buy in.

The Wanek Foundation has four individual architects in mind right now to plan the buildings. The Wanek Foundation representative wants the ideas for the building hashed out before we hire the architect. We have to file our paperwork 75 days before April voting for a referendum. We need to have an architect with a plan before December so that we can have something in place for the taxpayers to see when we file paperwork for referendum.

Bill Lockington left meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Next meeting was scheduled for October 25, 2017 to continue the discussion of the direction of a middle school gymnasium/community center.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Dana Conrad to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Brian Steinlicht, Clerk