

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ARCADIA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 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 25, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President, Loren Wolfe. Board members present were Loren Wolfe, Rodney Walters, Brian Steinlicht, Dana Conrad, Randy Nilsestuen, and Paul Servais. Also present was Louie Ferguson, Michele Butler, Paul Halverson, Alan Herman, Jason Lockington, Ben Golden, Bill Chang, and Bruce Schweisthal.

Loren Wolfe called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Dana Conrad and seconded by Randy Nilsestuen to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Loren Wolfe led the discussion about reviewing the architect applicants.

Louie Ferguson spoke on the cost breakdown.

Rick Nelson arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Loren Wolfe spoke about ATS&R and how they worked with us on the middle school project.

Rob Reichwein arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Loren Wolfe presented on HSR Associates, Inc. HSR has experience with pre-referendum steps. HSR is going to be considered for an interview per the committee. They have done a lot of work for the GET School District.

Rodney Walters presented on Excel. They have worked on small fitness centers. Their pamphlet seemed light.

Brian Steinlicht presented on SDS Architects. SDS has built a wellness center and many aquatic centers.

Ben Golden presented on Zimmerman Architectural Studios, Inc. They worked on the Lunda Center in Black River Falls.

Bill Chang presented on Holabird, a firm out of Chicago. They have done a lot of large university projects and master planning. Their fee structure was much different. Their fee for pre-referendum work was at a much higher cost.

Louie spoke about the three companies the committee has chosen to interview: Zimmerman, SDS and HSR.

A motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Rodney Walters to approve the selection of Zimmerman, SDS and HSR to interview as an architect for our gymnasium/community center project. Roll call vote passed: 6-0.

It was discussed that the firms will need to bring a general outline of how they will work with the contractors, timeline, how they handle change orders, and their concerns or challenges of working with a school and a donor. Firms will also need to work with the Planning Commission.

It was asked how cost estimating will be handled (price per sq ft)? What would be the scope of the project? And how often will the architects meet with the board?

Loren Wolfe asked the audience if they had any comments. Ben Golden is hoping that the project managers from the firms will be in the interviews. Jason Lockington stated that Ron Wanek is willing to offer the engineers and designers from Ashley to assist with the project. The City is not aware of what the Library committee is interested in for the building. Bill Chang stated that the Library committee has space needs prepared and possible design drafts. Jason Lockington asked about joint powers agreement that was brought to the committee. This will be brought up again in a future meeting.

Dennis Hakes arrived at 6:27 p.m.

All audience left except Rick Nelson, Dennis Hakes, and Alan Herman at 6:34 p.m.

Dennis Hakes, Alternate Education teacher, gave a report on the classes he teaches

John Krett arrived at 6:57 p.m.

Dennis and Alan left at 7:01 p.m.

John Krett, Transportation Director and Mechanic, gave a department update.

John Krett left at 7:36 p.m.

Rick Nelson, Director of Building and Grounds gave his department update.

A motion was made by Brian Steinlicht and seconded by Rodney Walters to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

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Brian Steinlicht, Clerk