

BALDWIN CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 348
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District Office
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

District Office
715 Chapel
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Friday
November 21, 2014
6:30 PM

The Board of Education met in special session on Friday, November 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

- A. President Nick Harris called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Board Members Nick Harris, Nikki Tiller, Chad Christie, Sandy Chapman, Ivan Huntoon, Gregory Kruger and Sheree Gill. Also attending were Superintendent Paul Dorathy and Clerk of the Board, Laura Hartman. **Call to Order by Board President**
- B. Sandy Chapman moved and Greg Kruger seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. **Approval of Agenda**
- C. Nick Harris moved and Chad Christie seconded to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of the individuals to be discussed, and that we return to open session in this room in 15 minutes." Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:31 p.m. **Executive Session**
- D. Dave McFarland spoke on behalf of his offer to purchase Vinland Elementary School and what purpose it would be used for. **Public Comment**
- E. The board had discussion about 2 different offers for the Vinland Elementary School. Mr. Dorathy said we have 2 offers, one from Land 7 Sky, LC owned by David and Phylis McFarlane for \$170,000 and an offer from Luke Oehlert/Nathan Floersch for \$140,000. Chad- doesn't like it to just sit there other than used for storage, but also doesn't want an issue to arise that we need classroom space. It is difficult to say what the future will be. Chad added that a bond issue to build more classroom space would not be supported by the community right now. Economic foresight is the the direction Sandy said the board needs to be going. Sandy said she has counted 6 times in her notes over the past 2 years that a comment was made we need space. She said we either need to use it or sell it. Chad added the issue of the cut in funds and how that will affect the districts needs. Sheree said she has heard concerns about selling a building that is still owed on a bond. Nikki said it is costing us money in the long run with it setting **Consideration of an offer for Vinland Elementary School**

and deteriorating. Nikki said she was not opposed to mobile units if we ever had that need. Greg commented if we moved classes to Vinland, we would have to hire new staff. Mr. Dorathy said that would depend on what the program is. Nick asked how much it would cost to get the building back up and running? Nick was also concerned about the building setting for 2 or more years and agreed with Nikki about the deterioration process. Chad said, taking the growth out of it- are there needs right now? Mr. Dorathy said yes there are needs, but there is no financial hope for that to happen to address those needs. Nikki reiterated Sandy's comment, we need to either put it to use now, or sell it.

Ivan said he would like to look at how much it cost for portable buildings vs moving programs, offices to Vinland. The board discussed the different pieces of property the district currently owns.

Nick said that before making a decision, what process would we have to go through so the board would know what it would take to get Vinland up and running again. Mr. Dorathy asked the board to give him a scenario of what the board is looking to use Vinland for.

Sandy said we would get more bang for our buck to sell the district office and the green space and maintain flexibility by preserving Vinland. Greg Kruger asked if a motion could be made at this time.

Nick answered, he would like to table the discussion and find out from administrators and staff what programs could be moved to Vinland, and what it would cost to to get the building up and running as well as selling the district office. Chad still has concern that we cannot afford to put anything out to Vinland. One suggestion was putting the 4 yr old/pep program out to Vinland, but need to figure out what it would take.

The board will come back to the December meeting to continue discussion.

Mr. Dorathy asked if other offers came in, what would the board like him to do.

Board agreed, if any other offers came in, those would be considered at the December board meeting as well.

- F. Sandy Chapman moved and Greg Kruger seconded to approve the rate of pay for Al Pierron, district mechanic to be placed at \$24.00 per hour and effective December 1. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

**Consider Executive
Session Matters**

- G. Nick Harris moved and Nikki Tiller seconded to adjourn the regular board meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time 7:51 p.m.


Adjournment

Approved:



Nick Harris, President
Board of Education

Attest:



Laura E. Hartman
Clerk of the Board