

Minutes of February 20, 2020

A special meeting of the Lake Preston Board of Education was held on February 20, 2020 in the Main Gymnasium at the Lake Preston School. At 7:00 PM President Olson called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jerod Olson, Steve Carlson, Brett Anderson, Travis Denison, Josh Warne and Amanda Wienk. Stacia Sneesby was absent.

Also present were School Administrators Supt. Felderman, Business Mgr. Curd and Tech Coord Odegaard. Principal Bothun was absent. Twenty-three community members were also in attendance along with Kerry Drager of the Lake Preston Times.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Olson.

ACTION 100- Motion by Anderson, second by Carlson to approve agenda as the order of business. All voted aye, motion carried.

President Olson welcomed community members to the public meeting. Business Manager Curd then presented the opt-out renewal power-point that reviewed historical and projected enrollment, state aid, and general fund balances. The board opened up the floor for any questions from the community. She stressed that the opt-out renewal would not be an additional opt-out, only a replacement of the opt-out due to expire in 2020. She noted that the resolution for the opt-out legally has to include the words: "Attention taxpayers: notice of property tax increase" even if the opt-out is less than the previous one.

The board fielded several questions from the community members present. Some asked about the capital outlay cap and others asked about the cost per student ratio. Board members answered approximately 17 questions throughout the open forum. Lake home owners were present to share their concern about their higher levy classification due to their lake home not being their primary residence. They were concerned about not being able to cast a vote. Board members explained that in order to be able to vote, residents would need to be registered through the county, as the school district does not decide who can vote in the election. Business Manager Curd explained that the election timeline would require a resolution to refer to a vote at the March meeting in order to take it to a vote in April.

Board members concluded by suggesting the community look at this opt-out renewal as an investment in not only the school, but also in the community as well. A thriving town often has a successful school district as well. They thanked the community members for their support and attendance.

ACTION 101 - Motion by Anderson, second by Denison to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. All voted aye, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the Superintendent's Conference Room of the Lake Preston School District.

Kristi Curd
Business Manager

Jerod Olson
President of Board

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