



Almont Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes

Barton Malow Bond Survey Update Monday November 7, 2022 6:30 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Mitchell

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: S. Frederiksen, J. Wade, J. Smith, A. Edwards, D. Walton, J. Mitchell

Absent: M. Sullivan

Public attendance: 8

Adoption of Agenda

- A. Additions
- B. Deletions

Questions and Comments: Audience

None

Communications

Barton Malow Bond Survey Update

Daryl Dombrow presented updates on the Bond process

- Bond amount is presented at no increase; total amount varies based on term (20 year vs 25 year)
- Dr. Kalmar stated the Fine Arts updates are based on feedback from Staff
- Additional updates include Stormwater Management, which is required to be managed onsite more than in the past
- Temperature controls upgrades will be a large change compared to older technology
- Energy usage estimates are based on 3 year average of Gas & Electric; assume water usage change would not be significant
- D. Walton asked for clarification on Academic Improvements; response that this category includes upgrades and renovation to classrooms and learning spaces
- A. Edwards asked about the difference in proposal amounts and how some of the projects items moved from main plan in May to Potential Projects now; some were based on the criteria and on costs of these projects
- S. Frederiksen spoke of the feedback received from the Focus Groups, Staff and others which has positively impacted the proposed plan

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- A. Edwards asked about the enrollment projections and this expansion proposal; Dr. Kalmar stated he is working on proposals to share in December or at Board Retreat
- S. Frederiksen confirmed that BBC advised to follow method 1 with enrollment projections
- J. Wade mentioned any opportunity for alternative energy

Questions and Comments: Audience

- Paul Bowman spoke of being on a Focus Group and talking about Orchard Primary, should there be consideration to building a separate building as an Elementary;
- Amy Bowers learned about the process of this Bond proposal; asked how the decisions will be made by priority; used the turf field as an example where some people will see certain things and believe the whole plan is single focused
- Brittney Braun spoke of concerns about previously being reactionary and encourages being proactive
- Rick Battani asked about the contingency plan of 10%, is that the average and/or are there ways of reducing that if possible? The line item table from May 18 would be helpful in a file that could be easier to reference. Asked for clarification if the \$58M includes Turf Field, yes. Has there been an assessment on the need/use for A/C to determine if this investment has a per day.
- Russell Buero asked how the total amount is projected based on taxable value and projections of property values? Yes, this data is evaluated.
- Adam Wetzel asked to see the list of Potential Projects slide, it was clarified these items are included in the main proposal but could be adjusted based on feedback

Questions and Comments: Board

- J. Mitchell spoke to the information provided to the Focus Groups and survey respondents; we as a Board will need to discuss and determine the application amount and term
- J. Wade referenced the last two Bonds and looking now that we may not have gone for enough; many details on the construction projects that could have different effects on the spending
- S. Frederiksen spoke to the life expectancy of some of the projects and what the coverage would be for these if they do not meet the projected life expectancy

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Future Agenda Items

- Request to add building reconfiguration as future item; invite Mrs. Gallagher & Mrs. VonHiltmayer for their building expertise; Dr. Kalmar stated this is in the works and a draft is currently in the drive
- Request for Policy review as a future item; separate work session

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm Motion by D, Walton, supported by A. Edwards

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Dallas Walton, Secretary

Jennifer Mitchell, President

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