

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF POYNETTE

PRESS RELEASE

AUGUST 4, 2011

The Board of Education conducted a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2011. The meeting was held in the High School IMC. The following items were addressed:

1. The Board discussed the Referendum Construction Project with two Bray Architects representatives – Geoffrey Bray and Terry Berkovitz.
2. The Board and Bray Architects reviewed the project bids that six General Contractors submitted and were opened on July 26th.
3. Since all six bids were significantly over the budgeted amount the Board and Bray Architects discussed the possibility of reviewing the bids with the four low bidders.
4. Bray Architects expressed their belief that the bids were significantly over budget for two primary reasons- some items were changed or added from the original cost estimates, and secondly, the increase in construction supplies by approximately thirty percent.
5. The Board and Bray discussed the possibility of re-bidding the Project in February and beginning the Project in the spring and completing the Project prior to the start of school in 2012.
6. Point Of Beginning is working with Bray Architects and is providing the engineering and surveying services required to analyze the existing storm water drainage, developing a plan for resolving drainage issues, and developing a plan for resolving flooding issues within the High School Boiler Room.
7. Jim Lundberg, an Engineer with Point Of Beginning, participated in the discussion with the Board and Bray Architects. He responded to questions from Board members that addressed the impact of the delay in starting the Project as well as the impact of the bids submitted by the General Contractors.
8. The Board of Education decided to table action on the selection of a bid for the Project and authorized Bray Architects to meet with the four General Contractors who submitted the lowest bids to consider potential changes to the Project with the goal lowering the bids to the budgeted level.
9. The Board will meet with Bray Architects and Point Of Beginning Personnel on Monday, August 22nd at 5:00 P.M. This will be a Special Board Meeting.
10. The Board approved a Storm Water Management Practice Maintenance Agreement as requested by the Poynette Village Board.
11. The Board approved the replacement of the hot water heater in the High School as recommended by Energy Services Group (ESG) at a cost not to exceed \$26,125.00.
12. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Education is Monday, August 8th at 7:00 P.M. in the High School IMC.