

**BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.
POYNETTE HIGH SCHOOL IMC**

President Lucey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Poynette High School IMC. This meeting was posted in various areas of the community. Roll Call: Present – Bender, Burke, Hoffmann, Lucey, Scherneck, Wilkinson. Absent: McIlrath Administration: Wolfe, Mair, McCallum, Sutton, Chittick, Hausser. Media and district residents were also present.

Motion by Bender/Burke to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all present voting yes.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF REFERENDUM RESOLUTIONS: Superintendent Wolfe presented information which was deemed to potentially have an impact on the resolution decisions. An air quality test of the Annex building raised some concerns although the results did not exceed any federal limits. A follow-up test will be performed as plans are made regarding where students will be moved if deemed appropriate. Preliminary indications are that state aid will be reduced at least \$500 per student from last year's aid resulting in a projected \$458,000 lower revenue from the state for 2011-12. Union staff retirement contributions would be a projected \$395,000 more. With projected increases due to inflation in other parts of the budget a net deficit of \$430,000 is projected.

After further discussion about the implications of these issues on the larger picture of the district's short and intermediate future the following actions took place. The initial resolution I was moved by Scherneck and seconded by Lucey authorizing general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,285,000. This resolution was approved by roll call vote with all present voting yes. This resolution would provide funds for making improvements and replacements to upgrade security, safety, technology, electrical and lighting and to address water run-off issues at the Poynette 1-8 and high school buildings; adding office space, converting old office space to classroom space and related demolition; and making improvements to upgrade security and energy efficiency at the high school. The initial resolution II was moved by Wilkinson and seconded by Burke authorizing general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$13,195,000. This resolution was defeated on a roll call vote. Yes: Wilkinson, Burke. No: Hoffmann, Lucey, Scherneck, Bender.

The initial resolution III was moved by Bender and seconded by Lucey. After discussion Bender and Lucey withdrew their motion and second respectively.

The following resolution was moved by Wilkinson and seconded by Scherneck: Resolution providing for a referendum election on the question of the approval of initial resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,285,000. Resolution was approved on a roll call vote with all present voting yes.

Of the total referendum amount the district has already been approved for \$1,000,000 at 0% interest via the Qualified Construction Bond Program.

DISCUSSION ON REFERENDUM INFORMATION SHARING PROCESS: Various informational items will be prepared and made available at all public school events, organizational meetings, etc including a flyer and video showing various problem areas the would be resolved with the funds if approved by the referendum process. Two public informational meetings will be held on March 8 and March 23.

Motion by Scherneck/Bender to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Board of Education.

Richard Wilkinson, Clerk