

MINUTES

Jefferson High School Dist. 1
Special Meeting

April 10, 2012
JHS Library

Board members present:

Kathy Jackson
Tim Lloyd

Sabrina Stekete
Kyle Eckmann

Pat Lewis
Stan Senechal

Lynne Bryant

Administrators present:

James Whealon, Superintendent Lorie Carey, Business Manager

Visitors: Samantha Humphrey, Jan Anderson, Karen Davidson, Beki Brandborg

CALL BOARD TO ORDER Ms. Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS Mr. Eckmann presented the board with a brief overview of the budget committee meeting in which a proposed levy of \$48,466.73 was recommended. This levy will maintain the same programs and expenditures as are currently budgeted. Only the known contractual increases were included in the budget. The floor was opened for public comment. Ms. Davidson felt that the \$80,000 levy was acceptable. She added that the art program was very important to her and many members of the community and she didn't want that to be cut in any way.

Ms. Brandborg led the group in the discussion. Concerns were listed:

- This may not be enough money if costs go up.
- Not all increases may be reflected in the \$48,466.73
- The former number of \$80,000 feels like a really big number.
- Is it any easier to pass a \$50,000 than an \$80,000?
- What happens if the levy fails?
- Within this budget, there is no rainy day money. It is very tight.

Mr. Eckmann moved to proceed with a levy in the amount of \$48,466.73. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Discussion continued concerning the responsibility of getting the information to voters. According to MCA 2-2-121(3), there are limits on the actions of trustees to promote elections. Keeping those limits in mind, the group brainstormed many ideas and selected several to complete. Each member volunteered for 1 or more.

- Reader boards at each school – Mr. Eckmann, Mr. Lloyd
- Dan Sturdevant's newsletter – Ms. Jackson, Mr. Whealon, Ms. Carey
- Information to paper – Ms. Jackson, Ms. Carey
- Booster Club assistance – Mr. Senechal
- Dancing Panther – Mr. Eckmann
- Facebook – Ms. Lewis
- On Website – Ms. Carey
- Letters to Editor
 - Ms. Jackson – Davidson, Compton, Minow; Mr. Senechal – Marks, Haab, Rehor
 - Ms. Bryant – Farriter; Ms. Stekete – Samson
- Creation of fact sheet – Ms. Jackson, Ms. Carey
- Senior Citizen group – Ms. Stekete
- Presentation at board meeting – Mr. Eckmann
- Chamber of Commerce meeting – Ms. Stekete
- Government class eligible voters – Mr. Whealon

Ms. Anderson suggested that pictures of homes with the corresponding estimated tax increase might be effective. At the April 17 meeting, members will report on their progress with their assignments.

Members reviewed the draft mission and vision statements from the previous planning session. The next strategic planning meeting will be April 24, from 6-9p.m. in the cafeteria.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair, Jefferson High School Board

Clerk, Jefferson High School Board

Negotiations/Personnel: P. Lewis, S. Senechal, T. Lloyd
Policy/Handbook: P. Lewis, S. Stekete, L. Bryant
Budget/Insurance/Investments: S. Senechal, K. Jackson, K. Eckman
Building/Grounds/Transportation: K. Jackson, K. Eckman, T. Lloyd
Teaching/Learning: S. Stekete, L. Bryant