

MINUTES OF THE Bond Hearing held Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the district office boardroom.

The following Board Members were present: President Stephen Allen, Vice-President Harold Haynie, Michelle Jorgenson, and Mary Ann Kemp. Also present were the following: Shannon Dulaney, Superintendent and Kent Peterson, Business Administrator. Directors Kevin Garrett, Steve Burton and Rich Nielsen were also present.

Mr. Haynie welcomed those in attendance and explained the meeting procedures. He turned the time over to Superintendent Dulaney to present an explanation of the bond issuance.

Superintendent Dulaney thanked Kent Peterson, Hunter Shaheen and Johnathan Ward from Zions Bank and others for their work on the bond initiative. She explained the three fold purpose that has driven this initiative: improve safety and security in each of our buildings, improve the environment for optimal learning and maintain a welcoming atmosphere. She turned the time over to Mr. Shaheen who described the projects and costs associated with the needed improvements. The time was then turned to Kent Peterson who explained all of the financial aspects of the proposed bond. He described what the tax impact on residents of Iron County would look like if the proposed bond were approved. The proposed bond would increase taxes by \$16.60 a year on an average home valued at \$217,000.

The time was then made available for comments from persons in attendance at the hearing.

Doug Hall read a written statement pointing out the costliness of the proposed bond. He feels it is general in nature and allows the board to fund any number of projects at their discretion. If, in the future, there were changes to the project list, the Board could vote on those changes and the public would have no say in the matter. He agreed that safety and security in Iron County schools is top priority, but feels the Board should use reserve funds to provide the upgrades instead of going to bond. He feels new schools are not needed and the proposed cost to build the new schools is too high. He feels the school district should fund the security upgrades out of their own available funds and then put together a specific bond proposal based on immediate and specific needs for the next two to three years maximum.

Bylynda Murray, Principal at Cedar Middle School, commended the Board for thinking long-term. She explained the need for additional space at her school. She pointed out the fact that 73% of the students at Cedar Middle School are currently enrolled in a music class of some sort and the music classrooms are over capacity. They are completely out of classrooms. Growth rates have been at 6% the past three years at her school. You can't provide a quality education for all students when there are 40 students plus to a classroom. She invited anyone present to come to her school to see for themselves the number of students in the halls and classrooms.

John Dodds, Principal at Cedar High School, also commended the Board for thinking long term and for not trying to hurriedly put a band-aid on problems when they arise. He gave his full support to the bond initiative.

Tracy Sullivan asked Kent Peterson how much money the district has in reserves? Kent explained there is about \$800,00 to \$900,00 in our capital budget. Not near enough to fund the security projects on the project list. It is a state law that we cannot transfer funds from our general budget to our capital budget and vice-versa. Therefore, using our reserve funds to complete the needed projects in the district is not a valid option.

Megan Nelson, Iron County Education Association President and teacher at Cedar Middle School, gave her support for the bond. She informed the Board that Iron County Education Association also supports the bond initiative. She shared discussions she has had with teachers in the district who are frustrated with the overcrowding in their schools.

An unidentified gentleman spoke about his concern for the next generation. He and his wife both fully support the bond issuance. He asked what he and his wife as could do to promote the passage of the bond? It was suggested for him to share his support with others whether on social media or in person.

Christina Carrigan, orchestra teacher at Cedar Middle School, spoke about her concern for the future for her students and for her own kids. She thanked the Board as a teacher and as a parent for thinking about the future needs of students in Iron County School District.

David Palmer, band teacher at Cedar Middle School, described how impressed he has been with district leadership and the way they have ran the district the past 24 years he has worked here. He is raising eight kids here in Iron County and each child has had a wonderful educational experience. He feels the right decisions are being made for the

future of Iron County students. He expressed his trust and appreciation to the Board and district leaders.

Alan Lee, band teacher at Cedar Middle School, spoke about the overcrowding they are seeing at Cedar Middle School. 500 students pass through their classroom every single day. Today as he stepped out of his classroom he witnessed classes being taught in the hallways, vestibules, and corners of the lunchroom all because they simply do not have room. He took the opportunity to thank the Board and others involved for considering this bond initiative and looking at the needs of the students.

Mr. Haynie thanked everyone for coming and dismissed the meeting at 6:57 p.m.