## BOARD PLANNING SESSION

Monday, November 8, 2021

The USD #273 Board met in a special board planning session on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. Board members present were: Jason Johnson, Joe File, Jon Stillwell, Amber Krier and Kelsey Adams. Also in attendance were: Jeff Travis, Superintendent; Tiffany Schroeder, Clerk; Casey Seyfert, Beloit Jr.-Sr. High School Principal; Kyle Beisner, Beloit Jr.-Sr. High School Vice-Principal/Activities Director; Brady Dean (6:00 p.m.), Beloit Elementary School Principal and MCPC/MCELC Executive Director and Karen Niemczyk, Special Education Director.

President Johnson called the board planning session to order at 5:30 p.m.

Guests present were: Jason Rabe, City Administrator; and Brian Debey.

Jason Rabe discussed the phases for reconstructing the streets and water drainage around the baseball and football fields. The city has hired a company to start working on the area from the south entrance of the high school parking lot to the football field entrance. They will begin this work after track season and hope to have the entire project completed by the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

Once construction begins, anyone needing to enter the high school will need to use the north entrance until Phase 1 is complete. Upon that time, the company will begin Phase 2, when construction will begin at the south entrance of the parking lot and head north. At this time, anyone entering the high school parking lot will need to use the south entrance.

Mr. Travis mentioned to the Board that there are several projects that need to or can be done to keep the current buildings up to standard. Some of these projects are: Ag Center, HVAC across the district, plumbing at BES, press box at the stadium, bathrooms at the stadium, the football field, and the tennis courts. Prioritization of these projects needs to happen, and financial means would need to be found. One solution for completing these projects would be a bond. A discovery phase of all projects and a bond would need to happen first, and this discussion would only be in a “discovery phase” at this point.

Mr. Travis discussed a 12 year bond due to the fact that you would not want the bond to last longer than the product. Currently USD 273’s mills are 45.03 on capital. The state average is 52.12 mills. The board agreed to continue to discuss the bond issue only in a discovery phase.

A motion was made by File, seconded by Krier, to adjourn the planning session. Motion

carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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