

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF IROQUOIS WEST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

March 13, 2018 – 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice President Vicki Killus called the Board of Education of the Iroquois West District Number 10, Iroquois County, Illinois to order in Special Session on March 13, 2018 in the cafeteria at Iroquois West High School in Gilman, Illinois. The following officers and members of the Board of Education were present: Vicki Killus – Vice President, Kyle Kraft – Secretary, Rodger Bennett, Norma Classen, and Anthony Miller. David Haase and Domitila Garcia were absent. A quorum of members of the Board being present the Vice President called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and declared the Board to be in session for the transaction of business.

Others present were Recording Secretary - Jenny Mims, John Venzetti, Damien Schlitt, Stacy Connor, Amy Miller and Katie Fowler.

Motion was made by Rodger Bennett to make Vicki Killus President *pro tem*; Norma Classen seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Norma Classen – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Kyle Kraft – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 5-0.**

President *pro tem* Killus called for additions or modifications to the agenda. There were none.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

President *pro tem* Killus extended a welcome to all visitors. She also thanked the QLEO members for their work.

President David Haase entered at 6:02 p.m. by telephone.

NEW BUSINESS

QLEO Committee Focus Presentation

Stacy Connor gave a presentation on behalf of the QLEO committee. She gave a recap of the committee's work to date. The physical and functional needs of the district have been examined. Through a series of community meetings, 15 potential scenarios were chosen by the community. The committee narrowed those down to 3. Scenario A would have 3 current buildings renovated, with Danforth and Thawville being closed. The potential cost is approximately \$41 million. Scenario B would be new construction, with all 5 current buildings being closed. The potential cost is approximately 58.8 million. Scenario C would have 2 current buildings renovated, with Danforth, Thawville and Gilman Elementary being closed. The potential cost is approximately 42.4 million. A Status Quo Scenario was also given with upkeep costs of \$18.6 million. 6 different Phases were also developed with costs for each. Scenario B was overwhelmingly the favorite among community members that attended the meetings. The community felt the new campus should be in the Gilman or Onarga area. It was also overwhelmingly in favor of starting with the High School if the construction had to be done in stages. A Master Plan was developed with a 25 year phase in plan, beginning with a new High School. A bond referendum could be placed on the ballot for April 2019 for 26.5 million. It was suggested that the Board explore and discuss options for local and/or county sales tax to offset the property tax impact. The board will be engaging a vendor, at the suggestion of Dr. Dvorak, to complete a survey of the District's voters to ascertain the opinion/direction of the voters and predict a referendum outcome.

ADJOURN

Anthony Miller made a motion to adjourn; Rodger Bennett seconded it. Upon Voice Vote, **the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.**

Kyle Kraft, Secretary

Date

Dave Haase, President