

**CELINA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2024
ED COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
4:00 P.M.**

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education, in public, for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

The Celina City Board of Education met in special session on February 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the Ed Complex Conference Room. President Carl Huber called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Clouse, Mr. Huber, Mr. Schleucher and Mrs. Sommer answered the roll call. Mr. Huelsman was absent.

24-07 On a motion by Mr. Clouse, seconded by Mrs. Sommer, the Board set the agenda as presented.

VOTE: Mr. Clouse: Aye, Mr. Huber: Aye, Mr. Schleucher: Aye, Mrs. Sommer: Aye.
Approved

NEW BUSINESS

24-08 On a motion by Mrs. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Schleucher to approve the following:

1. APPROVE PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF CELINA OHIO TO VACATE STREET

VOTE: Mr. Clouse: Aye, Mr. Huber: Aye, Mr. Schleucher: Aye, Mrs. Sommer: Aye.
Approved

2. DISCUSS PROPOSED CITY TAX ABATEMENT

The Board found out this afternoon from the Board's attorney that they do not have to vote to approve the pending legislation the city is planning to vote on February 12, 2024. The pending legislation would allow for 100% tax abatements on new residential housing for 10 years. Additionally, the school board, by law, is not required to vote on the new residential abatements. The Board had a lengthy discussion listing the pros and cons of new residential housing abatements. In the end, the Board chose not to make a recommendation to the city regarding the abatement legislation; therefore, the Board agreed that it is the city's decision.

RECEPTION OF PUBLIC

There were three individuals from the public that spoke tonight. Jim Edmonds with RCS shared that he was in support of the proposed city 100% abatement for new residential housing. He would like to see the city grow, which would hopefully happen because of the abatements and would be good for the local businesses. Building homes today is expensive, so the abatement would hopefully incentivize people to build here.

Also speaking in support of the residential abatements was Kent Shaner with Shinn Bros. Mr. Shaner said Shinn has lots that are not selling, but hopefully the abatement will help. We need an incentive to get people to build here. Lastly, Mr. Shaner stated he would be in favor of 5 years vs. 10 years, but the law does not allow 5 years.

Julie Heckler spoke about her concern regarding the flow of traffic if Holly Street is vacated. Ms. Heckler has students in both the middle and high schools, and wondering how parents are going to get their children to both buildings when Holly Street is not accessible. Mr. Metz who

was present said that there is a plan on how parents and buses will be flowing after the street is closed off and during the construction of the new building. Parents will be notified in the future as to how that will all flow.

ADJOURNMENT

24-09

With no other business, a motion was made by Mrs. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Schleucher, to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

VOTE: Mr. Clouse: Aye, Mr. Huber: Aye, Mr. Schleucher: Aye, Mrs. Sommer: Aye.
Approved

Board President

Treasurer