

**CELINA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024
HIGH SCHOOL LECTURE HALL
6:00 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 November 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Lecture Hall. President Carl Huber called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Clouse, Mr. Huber, Mr. Huelsman, Mr. Schleucher and Mrs. Sommer answered the roll call.

24-90

On a motion by Mr. Schleucher, seconded by Mr. Huelsman, the Board set the agenda as presented.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 4 community members (Tim Homan, Kevin Draiss, Scott Miller and RJ Euckert) that spoke. Mr. Homan stated he is in favor of keeping the fieldhouse and stadium right where they are. Mr. Draiss asked what are the next steps in this process? Mr. Miller said he has lived in Celina for 9 years and feels the district cannot wait 10-15 years for athletic facilities due to hyperinflation since 2018. He realizes the price tag for new is more and you may have kickback from the community, but it is the way to go. Mr. Euckert commended the board for what they have done. During his career, he has been involved with 3 building projects. He also reminded the group there have been staffing changes during this project including 3 new board members and Mrs. Gessler is the 3rd Superintendent. Lastly, Mr. Euckert told the group it is time to take down the fieldhouse. After a project is done, everyone loves the "new"!

REPORTS

1. Master Plan Presentation -- Mark Huelsman presented to the group a presentation which included detailed costs as well as building and facility illustrations and layouts. The PK-6 and 7-12 building project is an OFCC partnership meaning the co-funded part of the project costs are split with the state paying 49% and the district paying 51%. The original co-funded budget was \$106.6 million but has increased due to a host of factors, mainly inflation, to \$121.7 million. Therefore, the board had two choices: take the board's portion of the increase from the LFI (locally funded initiatives) or go back to the taxpayers via an additional levy. The current and past board members have elected to use the LFI funds. So, some of the items planned to be paid for with LFI funds, such as future athletic facilities outside of the OFCC building project will have to happen in multiple phases over several years due to funding constraints. The CAPT, middle school and Tri Star buildings will remain and be repurposed. There are still some time sensitive and costly decisions that need to be made by next spring. One is whether to keep the fieldhouse. OFCC will co-fund the abatement and demolition of the Ed Complex and fieldhouse, and they recommend doing so due to the condition of the building, but it is the

district's decision. It would cost approximately \$975,000 to \$1.2 million just to button up the fieldhouse, and that does not include any renovations or enhancements to it. The board is planning to release a survey soon for the public to complete to gather feedback.

ADJOURNMENT

24-91

With no other business, a motion was made by Mrs. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Clouse, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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

Board President

Treasurer