

WILLIAMS BAY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JOINT SCHOOL BOARD/VILLAGE TRUSTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Board Members Present: J. Lothian, K. Nelson, M. Schneider, P. Peyer, E. Nichols

Administration Present: District Administrator Dr. W. White
Business Manager Mrs. J. Frederick

Village Trustees Present: Dr. B. Duncan, J. D'Alessandro, L. Wright, A. Jaramillo,

Guests: Village Administrator Dave Lothspeich, Police Chief Justin Timm

I. CALL TO ORDER

President J. Lothian called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Village and School District Financial Needs

Mayor Duncan invited Trustee Lowell Wright to share information from the Village Finance Committee. Mr. Wright provided an update on road, sewer, and other projects. He also provided an updated on other aspects of the village's finances. Board President Jack Lothian invited Dr. White to share the current financial forecast for the school district. Dr. White shared that the district has worked to be fiscally responsible but will be facing a budget shortfall starting the 2024-2025 school year. He indicated that the school board will be gathering community input and determining how to address the financial needs of the school district. One of the solutions may be to present a referendum to the community.

B. Potential School District Referendum

The boards discussed a potential referendum for the school district. Mrs. Frederick gave a brief overview of the state funding and how this has impacted the district. Dr. White shared how the district has worked to remain fiscally responsible and steps that are being taken to control expenditures.

C. Collaboration between the Village and School District

Dr. White shared ways that the village and school district have been collaborating to improve services to our community. This includes partnering with the library, park and recreation department, and the police department. Gathering feedback from the

community was discussed. Trustee Jim D'Alessandro shared information from the Williams Bay Business Association survey. Improving communication with the community was discussed.

VII. ADJOURN

At 6:24 pm., K. Nelson/P. Peyer motion and second to adjourn the meeting, carried 5-0.

Ed Nichols, Clerk
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