Planning Session

December 18, 2018
7:00 p.m. SHS TV Studio

MINUTES

Present:
Dr. Patricia Corbett, Chairman
Mr. Michael Carney, Jr., Vice Chairman
Mr. Bernard Campbell, Member
Mr. Peter Morgan, Member
Mrs. Pamela Berry, Secretary

Also Present:
Dr. Michael Delahanty, Ed. D., Superintendent
Mrs. Maura Palmer, Assistant Superintendent for Academics and Support
Mrs. Deborah Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations

Dr. Corbett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING SESSION

Warrant Articles
Dr. Delahanty stressed the wording of the warrant articles is very important. These will first be presented to the public at the Deliberative Session on February 7, 2019 and then the ballot in March, pending any changes made at the Deliberative Session. The first article will be to elect officials.

Dr. Delahanty reviewed the subject of each article.

Article 2
The bond article is listed as article 2 as required by statute.
Dr. Delahanty noted the article is written as required by statute and has been reviewed by District Counsel. It reflects the Board using $550,000 which was retained last year to further reduce the overall tax impact for the coming year. It will be further reduced by an amount taken from the Athletic Facilities Trust Fund. This fund currently has $95,000 and Mr. Campbell had recommended withdrawing $75,000. The Superintendent is recommending a withdrawal of $55,000. Dr. Delahanty said the amount for the first year payment would be $83,611.00, which would be a tax impact of $5.51 for a home assessed at $300,000. Mr. Campbell clarified the Board could change language at this time but could not vote until after the public hearing. Mr. Campbell is fine with withdrawing $55,000. There was discussion as to rewording the article to
allow for any future donations or simply deposit any other funds into the Athletic Facilities Trust Fund and withdraw funds each year to reduce the tax impact. Mr. Carney informed the public the District is well below the limit on the maximum debt it can incur. There was further discussion on the details of the public hearing. Dr. Delahanty reviewed options for doing so on January 15, 2019, the same night as the Budget Committee or on a separate night. The Board discussed holding the district bond hearing at 5:00 pm on January 15, 2019 in the SHS TV Studio.

Mr. Carney moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the School Board set the public hearing for the bond article on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 5:00 pm, in the SHS TV Studio.

Motion carried 5-0

Article 3

Article 3 will be the Operating Budget. The Budget Committee has taken their preliminary and final votes. Therefore, the amount presented will be moved to the Deliberative Session. Mr. Campbell read Article 3.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Mr. Carney, to add Article 3 to the warrant with the recommendation of the School Board.

Motion carried 5-0

The following articles are related to the costs of the collective bargaining agreements which will be presented to the Budget Committee in January:

Article 4

Mr. Campbell read Article 4, for funding the collective bargaining agreement between Salem School Board and the Salem Educational Personnel Association (SEPA).

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carney, to move Article 4 to the warrant with School Board recommendation.

Motion carried 5-0

Article 5

Mr. Campbell read Article 5, for funding the collective bargaining agreement between the Salem School Board and the Salem School Custodial Employees Association (SSCEA).

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Berry, to move Article 5 to the warrant with School Board recommendation.

Motion carried 5-0

Article 6

Mr. Campbell read Article 6, for funding the collective bargaining agreement between the Salem School Board and the Salem Educational Support Personnel Association (SESPA).

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morgan, to move Article 6 to the warrant with School Board recommendation.

Motion carried 5-0
Article 7
Mr. Campbell read Article 7, for funding the collective bargaining agreement between the Salem School Board and the Salem Association of Food Service Personnel (SAFSP).

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Berry, to move Article 7 to the warrant with School Board recommendation.

Article 8
This article is for the sale of the North Main Street Land Sale. Dr. Delahanty explained this was an opportunity for the Board to ask Salem voters if they want to sell the property at 121 North Main St. owned by the Salem School District. These monies could be used to offset the expense related to the field project. The amount in the article is $420,000, the appraised amount. Mrs. Berry questioned the wording. There was discussion in regards to the amount and the fund to which the money would be added. The Board agreed to change the wording for the fund “to be added to the School District Athletic Trust Fund established in 2007” and to change the amount to $500,000.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Mrs. Berry, the Salem School Board add to its warrant, the following warrant article:
Shall the Salem School District authorize the School Board to see the School District property at 121 North Main Street (Tax Map 49, Lot 6659) on such terms and conditions as the School Board determine are in the best interest of the District, and to raise and appropriate up to $500,000, with said amount to come from the proceeds of the sale of the property, and to be added to the School District’s Athletic Facilities Trust Fund established in 2007 and move that with School Board recommendation.

Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Campbell asked about the marketing plan for promoting the field project. Dr. Delahanty explained details.

Adjournment
Motion by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mrs. Berry, to adjourn.

Motion carried 5-0

The Board adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

[Signature]
Lucille Ramsey
Recording Secretary, Salem School Board
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