

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Public Hearing-Property Tax Abatement
November 14, 2016

The Pelican Rapids Board of Education held a public hearing on November 1, 2016 in the board room at the high school at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Mitch Monson, Dena Johnson, Charlie Blixt, Kathy Ouren, Jon Karger. Board members absent: Mike Forsgren. Others present: Superintendent Wanek, Brian Korf, Dr. Ed Richardson, Derrick Nelson, Stephanie Winjum, Barb Ripley, Brent Frazier, Don Solga, Skip Duscheneau, Andrew Duscheneau, Anne Peterson, Sean Fitzsimmons, Cary Haugrud, Lou Hoglund, Susanne Seifert, Garrett Seifert, Brandon Peterson.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jon Karger.

Dena Johnson moved to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Charlie Blixt and carried.

Skip Duscheneau presented information regarding the proposed property tax abatement.

The public hearing for the property tax abatement was adjourned.

Jon Karger, Chair

Dena Johnson, Clerk

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Mitch Monson moved to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Dena Johnson and carried.

Sean Fitzsimmons presented information about the 2017 NYC band trip.

Garret Seifert and Brandon Peterson presented information about the Robotics program and competitions.

Charlie Blixt moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items:

Approve board minutes of the regular meetings on October 12 & 17, 2016

Approve payment of the October 31 and November bills as presented

Accept donations:

To ISD 548 for audiometer – VFW Post 5252-\$200

To ISD 548 for audiometer – Pelican Rapids Lions Club-\$998

To SADD – MN Eyecare, Pelican Dental-Dr. Ditch, Super Septic, Bell Bank, Birchwood Golf Course, Lakeland General Store, Long Weekend Sportswear-Total of \$570

To scholarships in memory of Marjorie Erickson – Gary & Kris Dillon-\$10

Personnel:

Accept the resignation of Shawn Gravalin as JH Football coach

Accept the resignation of Dr. Ed Richardson as Asst. Boys Basketball coach

Hire Brian Evenson as Asst. Boys Basketball coach

The motion was seconded by Mitch Monson and carried.

Member Dena Johnson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS FOR COLONY HOUSING, LLC

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 548, Minnesota (the "School"), as follows:

WHEREAS, the School proposes to use property tax abatement to assist in the financing of improvements by Colony Housing, LLC, of approximately 32 units of residential housing within the City of Pelican Rapids (the "Project"). The School proposes to use the abatement for the purposes provided for in the Abatement Law (as hereinafter defined), including the Project. The proposed term of the abatement will be for up to fifteen years in an amount not to exceed \$90,000. The abatement will apply to the School's share of the property taxes (the "Abatement") derived from the property described by property identification numbers on the attached "Exhibit A" (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, on the date hereof, the School held a public hearing on the question of the Abatement, and said hearing was preceded by at least once more than 10 days but not more than 30 days prior published notice thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Abatement is authorized under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 through 469.1815, as amended (the "Abatement Law").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 548, Minnesota, as follows:

Findings for the Abatement. The School Board hereby makes the following findings:

The Board expects the benefits to the School of the Abatement to at least equal or exceed the costs to the School thereof.

Granting the Abatement is in the public interest because it will:

increase or preserve tax base; and

provide employment opportunities in the City.

The Property is not and will not be located in a tax increment financing district during the Abatement period.

In any year, the total amount of property taxes abated by the School by this and other abatement resolutions, if any, shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of net tax capacity of the School for the taxes payable year to which the abatement applies or \$200,000, whichever is greater (the "Abatement Limit"). The School may grant other abatements permitted under the Abatement Law after the date of this resolution, provided that to the extent the total abatements in any year exceed the Abatement Limit the allocation of the Abatement limit to such other abatements is subordinate to the Abatement granted by this resolution.

Terms of Abatement. The Abatement is hereby approved. The terms of the Abatement are as follows:

The Abatement shall be for up to a fifteen (15) year period and shall apply to the taxes payable in the years 2019 through 2033, inclusive.

The School will abate the increase in the property amount over the adjusted 2016 Market Value, as established by the County Assessor's Office in which the School

receives from the Property, cumulatively not to exceed \$90,000 over 15 year period certified in annual amounts.

The Abatement shall be subject to all the terms and limitations of the Abatement Law.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Mitch Monson and, after a full discussion thereof and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Dena Johnson, Mitch Monson, Jon Karger, Charlie Blixt, Kathy Ouren

and the following voted against the same:

None

Adopted on November 14, 2016 by the School Board of Independent School District No. 548, Minnesota.

Chair

Attest:

Clerk

Jon Karger moved to approve the World's Best Work Force plan. The motion was seconded by Kathy Ouren and carried.

Dena Johnson moved to approve a change to the 2016-17 Master Calendar:

Change the high school work day from 1/23/17 to 1/16/17

The motion was seconded by Charlie Blixt and carried.

Mitch Monson moved to approve the lease agreement with WCMSA (Head Start) for August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017. The motion was seconded by Jon Karger and carried.

Dena Johnson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 548, as follows:

It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 8, 2016, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 5,610 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of three school board members for four year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

Michael Forsgren	2329
Jon Karger	1859
Mitch Monson	1535
Anne Peterson	1997
Write-ins	34

1. Michael Forsgren, Jon Karger and Anne Peterson, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four year terms beginning the first Monday in January, 2017.
2. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

The motion was seconded by Jon Karger and upon a vote being taken the following voted in favor: Dena Johnson, Mitch Monson, Jon Karger, Charlie Blixt, Kathy Ouren
And the following voted against: None

Jon Karger introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES
OF ELECTION AND DIRECTING SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK
TO PERFORM OTHER ELECTION RELATED DUTIES

WHEREAS, the board has canvassed the general election for school board members held on November 8, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE School Board of Independent School District No. 548, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the school board of Independent School District No. 548 to the following candidates:
 - a. Michael Forsgren
 - b. Jon Karger
 - c. Anne Peterson

Who have received a sufficiently large number of votes to be elected to fill vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election, based on the results of the canvass.

2. The certificate of election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto.
3. After the time for contesting the election has passed and the candidate has filed all campaign financial reports required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 211A, the clerk of the school board is hereby directed to deliver the certificates to the persons entitled thereto personally or by certified mail.
4. The clerk is hereby directed to enclose with the certificate a form of acceptance of office and oath of office insubstantially the form attached hereto.

The motion was seconded by Dena Johnson and upon a vote being taken the following voted in favor: Dena Johnson, Mitch Monson, Jon Karger, Charlie Blixt, Kathy Ouren
And the following voted against: None

Mitch Monson moved that the revised number of ADM's for the 2016-17 budget be set at 858.
The motion was seconded by Dena Johnson and carried.

Charlie Blixt moved to approve amending the policy of payment of unused vacation for 12 month support staff employees at the end of employment from payment to the MSRS Post Retirement health Care Savings plan to payment to the employee. The motion was seconded by Mitch Monson and carried.

Charlie Blixt moved to approve the resignation of Stephanie Winjum as business manager effective December 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by Dena Johnson and carried.

Dena Johnson moved to cancel the November 21, 2016 school board meeting. The motion was seconded by Charlie Blixt and carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jon Karger, Chair

Dena Johnson, Clerk