

**JOINT SCHOOL BOARD/ BOARD OF ALDERMAN
MEETING**

November 2, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held via teleconference.

The meeting was streamed live on the city's FaceBook page.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Boley, present via Zoom, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present via Zoom meeting: Steve Sarver, Kelly Kobylski, Dan Ulledahl, John Chevalier, Dan Hartman and Marv Atkins.

Staff present via Zoom: Cynthia Wagner, Anna Mitchell, Captain Tony Roetman, Linda Drummond, Chuck Soules and Jack Hendrix.

School Board present via Zoom: Denney Fales, Sarah Lamer, Jeff Bloemker, Ian Saxton, Len Matthies, Scott Haggerty and Susan Whitacre.

School District staff present via Zoom: Dr. Todd Schutz, Dr. Michelle Kratofil and Robert Hedgecorth.

2. School District Update

a. Bond Issue Project Update

An update was given on the construction of the Activity Center. Construction is on budget and on time with the completion date of May 2022.

The school is discussion a bond issue to be placed on the ballot in April 2023, to include a Bus Barn/Maintenance facility, making the campus walkable with new sidewalks and a competition ready field at the middle school. All of these projects are on the school current Master Building Plan.

b. COVID Update

The School Board elected to implement a gating criteria (data-driven conditions) that went into effect yesterday. All the schools are in what is called the green zone which means that masks are optional. Each week this is re-evaluated on Wednesday and the zone published for the next week. The evaluation also includes the transmission on the community. Masks are still required on all school buses.

c. Diversity and Inclusion

The school's policy on discrimination requires that they investigate and deal with allegations. Discrimination allegations have accelerated at an alarming rate within the school.

The school wants to create a culture of kindness where every student feels welcome and at this time, they are falling short of that. Race ethnicity, country of origin, native language, sexual orientation, disability and age all fall under the discrimination policy. The school in seeing an increase in bullying are now working with an organization called POAC (People of All Colors) Succeed. They are working with the students in small groups to help them to get to know each other better and see that they have things in common. This will help the students learn they have things in common with other students and become a foundation for mutual respect. It will also give students who witness bullying incidents the tools so they feel empowered to intervene and standup for their peers.

Mayor Boley requested that the school liaison committee meet to discuss this topic further.

3. City Update

a. Residential/Commercial Building Permit Update

As of the end of the City's fiscal year 2021 (October 31) 54 residential permits had been issued, 55 were issued in 2020 and 39 in 2019. In 2021 five commercial permits were issued, compared to six in 2020 and five in 2019.

b. Marketplace

The Marketplace is acquiring a few new businesses, Domino's Pizza, Burger King, Jimmy John's and a dental office.

4. Economic Development Incentive Discussion

They discussed the school boards recommendation for the City's economic development incentives to assist in review of development proposals and to provide feedback to developers early in development discussions.

5. Next Steps

After much discussion on the economic development incentives School Board member Jeff Bloemker asked that the discussion be continued by the school liaison committee.

6. Adjourn

Alderman Sarver moved to adjourn. Alderman Kobylski seconded the motion.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared the joint School Board/Board of Alderman meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Linda Drummond, City Clerk

Damien Boley, Mayor