

EL PASO GRIDLEY CUSD #11
BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES



April 27, 2015

Centennial School Library

6:30 p.m. Public Hearing Regarding Life Safety/Working Cash Bonds

President Eric Zehr called the Board Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following Board members present: Jeremy Faulk, John Hartness, Rich Kiefer, David Mool, Brian Stoller, Josh Uphoff, and Eric Zehr. Superintendent Michael Lindy and Bookkeeper Susan Stella were also in attendance. Visitors included: Dave Ferrenburg, Randy Barth, Ed Faulk, Brandon Volker, Rhonda Zielsdorf, Kent Zielsdorf, Kevin Wills (*First Midstate*), Cara Howard (*El Paso Journal*), Sara VanScyoc, Scott Engstrom (*Ameresco*), and John Meinhold.

A motion was made by John Hartness and seconded by Rich Kiefer to approve the agenda as presented. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

President Eric Zehr stated that the purpose of this hearing is to let the public know that the district would like to sell \$2,700,000 Life Safety Bonds for school fire prevention and safety purposes and \$2,700,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District.

Superintendent Michael Lindy gave an overview of why we are looking to sell Life Safety Bonds and Working Cash Bonds.

Kent Zielsdorf questioned why the notice of Public Hearing was not in the two local newspapers. Superintendent Lindy stated that the due dates for the local newspapers did not make it feasible for this notice.

Mr. Zielsdorf also mentioned that the notice of the hearing on our website was hard to find.

John Meinhold asked if this bond approval would give the Board authorization to seek \$5.4 million dollars worth of bonds. John Hartness answered that this only gives us the go ahead to seek the bonds up to the stated amount for each. The Board will have to take official action to approve the exact amount of the bonds at a later date, when we know how much we will need.

The consensus of the Board is to go ahead with the bond issue.

A motion was made by John Hartness and seconded by Rich Kiefer to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education