

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE MARSHALL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 AT 7:00 PM IN-PERSON AT THE BOHM THEATRE IN ALBION, MI.

PRESENT: LINDSEY, NICHOLSON WILLIAMS, DAVIS, GAMBLE, LANKERD

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Lindsey at 7:02pm. A moment of silence was observed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA & APPOINT SECRETARY

Moved by Davis, supported by Williams, that the agenda be approved as presented and appoint Shawna Gable as Secretary for the meeting. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Atchison - Hopes a location is voted on during the meeting. Reads a statement from 50 Albion and Marshall residents that requests that Board President Richard Lindsey refrains from voting on any school building location.

Tracy Peters - States that what Marshall Public Schools is doing is being watched across the state. Quoted some resources on public school academics.

Victoria Snyder - Wants to speak about a letter that she sent to the Marshall Public Schools Board of Education. Reads from said letter to clear up any misinformation. Asks the Board to clarify the minutes from a past meeting.

Esmeralda Trevino - A student at Albion College. Talks of the importance of partnerships between Colleges and Public Schools. If an elementary school is built next to Wasington Gardner it will lay a good foundation for the students.

Morris Arvoy - Thanks Richard Lindsey for stopping into Harrington Elementary. Says there is a lot going on in our communities - misinformation, flawed surveys. States that President Lindsey has lied to him personally. Should recuse himself from any vote that has to pertain to Albion College.

David Abbott - Speaks in support of the badly needed bond in the Marshall Public School district. Frustrated that some people can't support a bond that will have an impact on the youth of Albion. There is a huge need for parent support within the schools. The bond is crucial to the success of Albion.

Sonya Brown - Has listened to many comments and has followed the facilities needs committee. Urges the Board to put the kids first and put politics aside - believes the new

school should be located at Washington Gardner. The district should seek out a legal opinion on President Lindsey and his involvement with Albion College.

Mateo Diaz - Student at Albion College. It would be beneficial to have an elementary school next to Albion College. It shows the youth of the school that college is obtainable. The college would be a great resource for the elementary school students. Having the school be at a close distance would be helpful to parents.

Jennifer Delaney - MPS already has a relationship with KCC. Asking a shrinking tax base to take on a heavy financial burden. This bond comes at a terrible time economically - the wrong bond at the wrong time. Regarding social media - board members shouldn't block constituents. Residents have the right to see what board members are saying.

Tankia Davis - Students of Albion College. As a student from Detroit she grew up around peers who aren't in college and don't plan on going to college because they were never exposed to it. Growing up around a college - being able to see students and mentors is needed in our community. Have to think about the student's education. Having a school near a college is important.

AynMichelle Slappy - Born in Detroit and attended 12 schools before graduating. Albion is a very special place. When she wasn't succeeding it was people in her community that invested in her. The student's school should have people that look like them and learn about people like them. Having a school where people care about you and show up for students is important.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Davis, supported by Lanker, that the Board goes into Executive Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) for the purpose of consulting with the District attorney at 7:43pm. Motion passes unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Returned from Executive Closed Session at 8:52pm.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Kellogg Community College - Marshall Public Schools partnership

Dr. Bennings, President of Kellogg Community College gave a history of KCC. Dr. Bennings then talked about the deep partnership between Kellogg Community College and Marshall Public Schools. The partnership's core link is student success. Dr. Paul Watson, Vice President of Kellogg Community College discussed the many successes of our collaboration and the programs of the college. 127 students are benefiting from the different components offered by KCC & MPS.

Building Location Discussion

Brendon Pollard from Kingscott presented about what should go into a location for a school in Albion if the bond should pass.

Trustee Davis made the following motion:

Follow the process presented by Kingscott pertaining to choosing a location for the school in Albion if the bond passes.. The Board will then form a committee to look into the process of identifying a location for a new elementary school at the first Board of Education meeting after the November bond vote.
Second by Williams - motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS FOR WHICH
NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING**

Vice President Nicholson stated that a legal opinion would be forthcoming in the next few days regarding conflict of interest.

Trustee Lankerd reminded the public of the open board seat.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

SHAWNA GAMBLE, ACTING SECRETARY

IAN GILYARD-SCHNAITMAN, RECORDING SECRETARY