

**SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**April 6, 2017**

The Board of School Trustees of the School City of Hobart met in a work session on April 6, 2017, in the Board Room at Hobart High School, 2211 East Tenth Street, Hobart, Indiana.

**ROLL CALL:** President Terry Butler asked Board Members to log in. The following Board Members and Administrators were present or absent as noted:

Board Members Present:

Terry D. Butler  
Rikki A. Guthrie  
Michael J. Rogers  
Dave Bigler  
Donald H. Rogers  
Stuart B. Schultz

Administrators Present:

Peggy Buffington  
Ted Zembala  
Russell Mellon  
William J. Longer  
Jonathan Mock  
Felix Perry

Board Member Absent:

Karen J. Robbins

Administrator Absent:

Christopher N. King

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Butler called the meeting to order around 5:45 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Butler deferred the Pledge of Allegiance to the regular session meeting.

**AUDIENCE:** The following were in the audience:

Jane Herndon, IceMiller  
Jim Elizondo, Stifel Public Finance  
Jim Thompson, Gibraltar Design  
Christopher LaFollette, Fidelis Construction Management  
Carole Carlson, Post Tribune

**DISCUSSION: Facility Needs:** At previous work sessions, the Board had discussed the possibility of building a new elementary school, a swimming pool at the high school, and other building facility needs. In addition, there might be a consideration given to having an operational referendum because of the loss of revenue expected when the circuit breaker caps go into effect in 2020. Dr. Buffington indicated that after the last work session the Board had three considerations, which she listed, as follows:

1. November 2017 or May 2018 Referendum?
2. Capital Referendum Only? Or add Operational Circuit Breaker Effect?
3. Use a Referendum Political Advisor Firm?

Jim Elizondo reviewed the following financial information:

- November 2017 Construction Referendum – Bond Issuance (estimated \$41,210,000 Bond Issue – November 2017 Referendum)
- November 2017 Construction Referendum Bond Issuance with Financial Tax Impact
- Circuit Breaker – Exempt and Non-Exempt Debt – Estimated Tax Bill Impact, November 2017 Referendum

Dr. Buffington noted a Board consideration of whether there was time available to do a November 2017 referendum and a timetable for a May 2018 referendum. Jane Herndon reviewed the Proposed Timetable for Project & Operating Referenda on the November 2017 Ballot.

Mr. Elizondo then reviewed the following information:

- May 2018 Construction Referendum Bond Issuance (estimated \$42,095,000 Bond Issue) – May 2018 Referendum
- May 2018 Construction Referendum – Bond Issuance with Financial Tax Impact

Jane Herndon reviewed the Proposed Timetable for Project & Operating Referenda on the May 2018 Ballot and Rules for Referendum.

Dr. Buffington said another Board consideration was whether the Board should do a Capital and Operating Referendum at the same time, and Mr. Elizondo then reviewed the following information:

- November 2017 Construction & Operational Referendum – Bond Issuance with Financial Tax Impact
- May 2018 Construction & Operational Referendum – Bond Issuance with Financial Tax Impact
- Circuit Breaker Exempt and Non-Exempt Debt – Estimated Tax Bill Impact – May 2018 Referendum

Dr. Buffington noted the last consideration for the Board was whether to hire a political advisor firm for the referendum or to do ourselves, and she indicated that the key constituents for assistance were the parents of the swim team, the Tiger Shark swim team, boosters/athletics, elementary PTOs, employees who live in the community, and coaches and teachers.

**DISCUSSION: 3 Year Termination Notice for Transportation Services:** This item was not discussed since discussion of facility needs took up the time allotted for the work session.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business designated for the work session, President Butler adjourned the meeting around 6:53 p.m.

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Terry D. Butler, President

ATTEST:

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Michael J. Rogers, Secretary

Submitted for Approval: April 20, 2016