

MINUTES
November 29, 2021

The Board of School Trustees of the Attica Consolidated School Corporation met at 5:30 p.m. for a special meeting in the Attica High School Library, 211 E. Sycamore Street, Attica, IN 47918. Members present were Kelly Hiller, Jill Mandeville, Chris Gayler, Chris VanDeWater and Laurie Pierce. Also present were Sheri Hardman, Superintendent, Deanna Hutts, Treasurer, Chris Goris, Deputy Treasurer, and Dj Jensen, Interim High School Principal.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chris VanDeWater made a motion the board approve the agenda, seconded by Chris Gayler and passed 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD

None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. President, Kelly Hiller, opened the second Public Hearing for a preliminary determination regarding the proposed 2022 Safety, Security, Modernization and Improvement Project of the Attica Schools. The President presided over the hearing, welcoming everyone to the meeting.

It was explained that under Indiana law whenever a school corporation proposes to construct or renovate a school building at a cost in excess of one million dollars it must first hold a public hearing. Additionally, another purpose of the meeting was that under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 whenever a school corporation proposes to enter into a lease agreement and/or issue bonds for the construction or renovation of a school building resulting in total costs in excess of certain thresholds, the school corporation is required to hold two public hearings on its preliminary determination to issue such bonds and enter into such lease agreement. The first hearing on the preliminary determination for the Project (as defined herein) was held on November 22, 2021. Notice of both public hearings was published in the Fountain County Neighbor on November 11, 2021, and was mailed to the Fountain County Clerk and any organizations previously requesting such notice as provided in Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5.

It was explained that at this hearing all interested people may give testimony and/or ask questions concerning the 2022 Safety, Security, Modernization and Improvement Projects, consisting of renovation of and improvements to Attica School Facilities, including the construction of an elementary school, site improvements to school facilities; and the purchase of real estate, equipment and technology (the "Projects"). The purpose of the hearing is two-fold: (1) to inform the public as to the proposed Projects; and (2) to allow all interested parties, taxpayers and patrons of the School Corporation to voice their opinions as to the Projects and ask questions.

After the purpose of the hearings was explained, the presentation regarding the need for the Projects was given by ACSC Superintendent Dr. Sheri Hardman. An evaluation of the existing facilities was presented, including the building plan explaining the proposed Projects. The estimated Projects cost and schedule were then presented to the public. It was explained how these Projects could be funded and the tax rate impact the Projects would have on the community.

After the above presentations, the Board President announced that the Board would now hear testimony and questions from the public. Questions and testimony were given by patrons.

2. At the conclusion of the public testimony and question, the Board considered the Projects Resolution to complete the Projects at a cost of more than one million dollars per building. Chris VanDeWater made a motion that the Board approve the Project Resolution outlining the purpose of the project as well as the funding source of the project, seconded by Jill Mandeville, motion passed 5-0.
3. Also, at the conclusion of the public testimony and question, the Board considered the Preliminary Determination Resolution to issue bonds and enter a lease agreement in order to complete the Projects. Chris Gayler made a motion that the Board approve the Preliminary Determination Resolution to issue bonds and enter a lease agreement regarding the proposed Safety, Security, Modernization and Improvement Project of the Attica Schools, seconded by Laurie Pierce, motion passed 5-0.

REPORT OF CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS

Monthly financial reports and necessary claims were presented to the board to be approved. Laurie Pierce made a motion to combine and approve the financial claims for the month of November and beginning of December, seconded by Chris Gayler, and passed 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Chris Gayler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

_____ President
Kelly Hiller

_____ Member
Chris Gayler

_____ Vice President
Jill Mandeville

_____ Member
Chris VanDeWater

_____ Secretary
Laurie Pierce