

Holland Elementary School

Special Board Meeting @ Holland School

December 22, 2015 @ 6pm

Minutes

Board Members

Lincoln Petell - Chair

Louise Campbell – Vice Chair

Kim Champney – Clerk

Administration

Kelli Dean – Principal

John Castle – Superintendent

Glenn Hankinson – Director of Business & Finance

Present

Ernie Emerson

Vic Petell

Rachel Johnson

L. Petell called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Glenn shared a draft of the new budget for fiscal year 2017. He discussed the differences in the budget from last year as well as potential changes needed to support the school in the upcoming year. John explained that the full board had approved centralizing special education, which will be assessed by the equalized pupil rate for all schools in the supervisory. Behavior Specialist position has been reduced for fY17.

This special meeting was called because the legislature has written a new bill that could substantially affect the school financially. Glenn created a spreadsheet to show us what our options are using some fund balance amounts with and without the threshold should legislature vote in this new bill. Legislature should be voting on this at some point in January.

Discussion ensued about the reduction of the principal's position. Most were not in favor of this reduction. Board members, parents, and community members all had reasons to NOT follow through with this reduction if possible.

Discussion then ensued over the reduction of a school bus. Concerns still lie in the length of time on the bus for students with only one bus. Parent concerns about getting to work on time with only one bus. With the reduction of enrollment and continuing bus repairs, further research will be needed to decide on the future of busing.

The Board was informed that there will be a petition started to remove the school budget from being voted on by Australian ballot.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: January 5th at Holland Elementary School