

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CITY OF LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 67
FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Lake Forest School District 67, County of Lake, State of Illinois was held on Monday, February 6, 2023 at Lake Forest High School West Campus, and called to order at 4:59 p.m. by Mrs. Sands.

Board members present at roll call were:

Emily Bernahl, Secretary	Richard Chun, Member
Jennifer Mason, Member	Alice LeVert, Vice-President
Suzanne Sands, President	Anne Geraghty Helms, Member
	(5:32pm Arrival)

Absent: Carl Kirar, Member

Administration Present:

Matthew Montgomery, Superintendent
Jeff McHugh, Deputy Superintendent
Jennifer Hermes, Chief Operating Officer/CSBO
Kate Cavanaugh, Cherokee Principal
Dan Mortensen, Director of Facilities

Staff Present: Tiana Adams, Board Clerk

Guests: Rick Young, Perkins and Will
Mark Jolicoeur, Perkins and Will
Lance Tritsch, Pepper Construction

Public Participation:

None

Cherokee Elementary Project:

Dr. Montgomery discussed the portrait of a learner and strategic plan. Dr. Hermes discussed the financial forecasting and timeline for the project. Mr. Young and Mr. Jolicoeur discussed future school design. Dr. Cavanaugh discussed what the newly designed spaces would help the staff members to achieve in providing more learning opportunities to students.

The outdoor space that was previously discussed with the Board as a part of the design was not included in the recommendation that the Board would be voting on tonight.

Thanks to Dr. Cavanaugh and her team. The project is work that has been discussed for the past two years.

The Spirit is funding furniture at Deer Path Middle School next school year. Administration would like that furniture to meet the future designs for the building.

The Board asked questions on the financial breakdown of the project. It was questioned if the Board could approve one portion of the project and revisit the rest of the project at a later date.

Mr. Young and Mr. Mortensen discussed the current state of the market and that it is not a favorable market for bidding contracts. It is not recommended to wait to see if prices will decrease because prices normally do not decline once increased. If they do begin to decline it could be many years before a change is seen.

A member of the Board questioned why the project was not brought to the Finance and Ops Committee to allow feedback from community members prior to being brought to a vote. The Board will discuss the requirements in a future meeting.

Discussion held on the Cherokee project, other potential options for the accessibility ramp, and future projects at other schools in the district.

Action Items:

Approval of Cherokee Elementary ADA Improvements and Facility Addition Project Bids in the Total Project Amount of \$4,504,623

Motion: Ms. Helms moved, seconded by Mr. Chun, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Cherokee Elementary ADA Improvements and Facility Addition Project Bids in the Total Project Amount of \$4,504,623 .

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Chun, Mason, Bernahl, Helms, Sands

Nays: LeVert

Absent: Kirar

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion: Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Chun, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, adjourn the special meeting.

On voice vote, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Suzanne Sands, President Date

Emily Bernahl, Secretary Date