

OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING
OAKES CENTRAL CONFERENCE ROOM 7 AM
AUGUST 31, 2023

Sonia Meehl called the meeting to order at 7:01 am.
Pledge was recited and visitors welcomed.

Those present were: President Sonia Meehl, Rhonda Day, Brian Seyer, Sheila Nagel, and Vice President Monica Heimbuch. Administration present were: Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepson, Elementary Principal Greg Dobitz, HS Principal Greg Dobitz Transportation Grounds Supervisor Dave Ehrlin. Also present were Kirk Ham, and Lori Christenson with ICS, Anne Wuollet with PFM Financial Advisors LLC (via zoom) and Drew Courtney. Others joining via Zoom: Emily Petersen, Vickie Kelly, Nikki Knodel, Liz Schieler, Lindsey Courtney, Kelli Gebhardt, Kalyn Haafke.

Possible Declaration of Emergency:

Anna explained the possible emergency clause. If the board declares an emergency regarding the lack of air conditioner, we can forgo the bidding process to obtain a new chiller. Brian Seyer made a motion to declare an emergency regarding the chiller in the high school. Monica Heimbuch second. Discussion took place. Roll call taken, Day-no, Nagel-no, Seyer-yes, Heimbuch-no, Meehl-no. Motion failed 1-4.

ICS presentation.

Lori Christenson gave her presentation on the long-term facilities assessment.

PFM Financial Advisors LLC Anne Wuollet explained the process of getting funding and how the process works.

Lori presented a guideline on ways to get our community informed. She suggested an online survey around 5-10 minutes, open house during homecoming week utilizing stations and tours, and stakeholder meetings aside from school activities (OEI, Lions, City council, etc.)

We should meet again in October to review community feedback.

Chiller.

Seyer made a motion for the board to seek bids for a new chiller for the high school, size is to be determined with consultation with administration and Chiller Systems to determine size and specs. Heimbuch second. Roll call taken. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment.

President Meehl adjourned the meeting at 9:05 am.

Sonia Meehl, Board President

Shannon Jepson, Business Manager