SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION

COLUMBUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday, September 9, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Columbus Community School District, State of Iowa, met in open session, in the Central Office, Board Room, 1208 Colton Street, Columbus Junction, Iowa, at 6:00 P.M., on the above date.

There were present President Carol Zuniga, in the chair, and the following named Board Members, Vice-President Todd Heck and Directors Dan Heindel, Stacy Storm and Andy White. In addition, Superintendent Dr. Michael Volk and Business Manager and Board Secretary Neil Mills were present.

**Board Meeting**

**Agenda**

Todd Heck moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Stacy Storm.

Ayes: Five Nays: none. Carried.

The President announced that this is the time, place, and date to hold a hearing on the Proposed Use of SAVE Revenue for an Athletic Facility Infrastructure Project. This hearing is to allow the district the authority to use SAVE Funds if we proceed with this project.

Dr Volk presented the following information:

• SAVE Revenue dollars are earmarked for districts to use on any capital projects that are attached to a student attendance center as specified by Iowa Code.

• The Columbus CSD public hearing is being held to make the public aware that the district wants to use current SAVE Revenue dollars on an athletic facilities project that is not physically attached to a student attendance center. This public hearing is a required notification by Iowa code.

• SAVE Revenue dollars come from the statewide one-cent sales tax, not a local taxation. There will be no new taxes or an increase in taxes with this athletic facilities project.

• This athletic facilities project has many benefits to students and athletes in football, track, soccer, marching band, and all physical education classes, as well as community use and outside rental use. For example, the additional high jump and long jump will allow Columbus CSD to be a premier site to host conference track meets and other larger track meets

President Carol Zuniga opened the hearing for public comments. The following persons appeared:

 Wayne Finke, Jacob McCullough, Diana Billingsly, Steve Siegel, Tessa Pugh & Bob Schwab.

President Carol Zuniga declared the hearing closed.

Director Andy White introduced the following Resolution and moved for its adoption.

President Carol Zuniga asked Board Secretary Neil Mills to read the resolution.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED USE OF SAVE REVENUE FOR AN ATHLETIC FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the School District receives revenue from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund ("SAVE Revenue") pursuant to Iowa Code § 423F.2; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 423F and an election duly held in accordance therewith on September 13, 2011, the Board of Directors is currently entitled to spend SAVE Revenue for school infrastructure purposes, including the construction of an athletic facility infrastructure project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has considered potential uses of the District's SAVE Revenue including use for secure entries for the District's attendance centers and has determined that it is necessary and advisable for the District to use SAVE Revenue for the following athletic facility infrastructure project that is not physically attached to a student attendance center: to renovate, repair, and improve track facilities/areas, and install artificial turf system on football field; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has complied with the provisions of Iowa Code § 423F.3(6A) by adopting a resolution setting forth the proposal for the athletic facility infrastructure project, and holding a public hearing on the proposed construction of the athletic facility:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved:

1. The Board of Directors hereby supports the proposed use of SAVE Revenue for the following athletic facility infrastructure project: to renovate, repair, and improve track facilities/areas, and install artificial turf system on football field. The estimated cost of the construction of this athletic facility infrastructure project is $1,650,000.

2. Eligible electors of the school district have the right to file with the Board Secretary a petition pursuant to Iowa Code § 423F.4(2)(b), on or before close of business on September 23, 2024, for an election on the proposed use of SAVE Revenue. The petition must be signed by eligible electors equal in number to not less than one hundred or thirty percent of those voting at the last preceding election of school officials under Iowa Code § 277.1, whichever is greater.

3. In the event a petition containing the required number of valid signatures is filed with the Secretary of the Board on or before close of business on September 23, 2024, the President shall call a meeting of the Board to consider rescinding this Resolution supporting the proposed use of SAVE Revenue or directing that the question of the proposed use of SAVE Revenue be submitted to the qualified electors of the School District.

If the Board determines to submit the question to the electors, the proposition to be submitted shall be as follows:

Shall the Board of Directors of the Columbus Community School District in the Counties of Louisa and Muscatine, State of Iowa, be authorized to use revenue from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund for the purpose of to renovate, repair, and improve track facilities/areas, and install artificial turf system on football field, with the estimated cost of construction being $1,650,000?

Director Dan Heindel seconded the motion to adopt.

The roll was called, and the vote was:

AYES: Storm, White, Heindel & Zuniga

NAYS: Heck

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The President declared the resolution passed and approved this 9th day of September 2024.

Stacy Storm moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Todd Heck.

Ayes: five. Nays: none. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

The next meeting will be on September 23, 2024 at 6:00p.m.

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Carol S. Zuniga, School Board President

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Neil A. Mills, School Board Secretary