

Colome Consolidated School Board held a special public meeting on January 17, 2019 in the Supt Office/Conference Room at the Colome High School.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brent Gill at 7:00 p.m. Other members present: Justin Heath, Pamela Haukaas, Matthew Bolie, LaGrande Woods, Brett Galbraith, and Joel Koskan. Quorum established.

School Administration present: Ryan Orrock, Supt, Anna LaDeaux, Principal, and Betsy Rohde, Bus Mgr.

The meeting was opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visiting Presenters Toby Morris from Dougherty & Company, Jeff Nelson from Falls Architecture, and Jason Brown from Summit Contracting. There were also roughly 75 members from the Colome community present.

Agenda: Motion by Heath, second by Koskan to approve the agenda as prepared. All aye – carried.

After an opening welcome and introductions by Supt Orrock, presentations were provided by Mr. Nelson, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Morris. Mr. Nelson described the different plans and how the school building committee and board came to the final design decision of the two phase project. The two phases start with the addition of classrooms between the current elementary and middle school classroom area and then the second phase is the removal of the current building and addition of the administration area with the final classrooms and commons/kitchen area. Mr. Brown discussed the cost of the proposed building project at \$4.95 million vs the renovation cost of the current buildings to meet the needs of the district at \$6.85 million. The renovation cost of the current high school includes the addition of the classroom space between the elementary and middle school to make up for the lost space in the high school to reach ADA and code compliance. Mr. Morris presented information on how it will affect taxpayers. The estimated levy with a 25 year bond at 3.6-3.9% fixed rate would leave a tax of \$0.99 for every \$1,000 valuation. He explained there is a legislative change that will be dropping the capital taxes in the Colome Consolidated School District quite significantly in 2021 because it will be based on enrollment instead of a levy. The estimated drop in capital levy as the new law is written today would almost equal the estimated bond increase.

Several questions from the community were answered.

Motion by Woods, second by Haukaas to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. All aye – passed.

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Brent Gill, Chairman

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Betsy Rohde, Business Manager

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