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it is the regular meeting of the West Lafayette
Community School Corporation Board of Trustees

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for Monday July the 10th 2023 it is 5 31 pm first
I need to introduce some visitors to our table

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tonight we have MS Jane Herndon with ice Miller
we also have MS Jessica Billingsley with church

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church Hittle and Antrim um you may notice that
Dr Yin is absent this evening she is traveling and

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because a referendum is on our agenda she is not
eligible to participate virtually we had intended

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for her to be able to at least call in and observe
and speak but communication or the technology has

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not been her friend today so she has submitted
a written statement to Mrs Austin the secretary

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to read on her behalf this evening and may or may
not be following via live stream if she's able to

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um and then um that um I also need to read the
following statement before we begin Robert's

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Rules of Order is our agreed parliamentary process
in board bylaw one six one during my time on the

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board meetings have been running a fairly informal
version of Robert's Rules which is appropriate

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because we are a small board this informal
meeting structure used by my predecessor as

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chairs seem to work well and result in efficient
meeting and so I had elected to continue it over

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the past 18 months in my role as board chair

in the interest of maintaining focus on our

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students and schools professionalism Civility and to ensure that all members are heard I recognize

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that this is time for change to a more strict adherence to our agreed parliamentary process

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each member has a Robert's Rules cheat sheet at their place I invite you to

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refer to it but we'll also recap some key differences you may notice this evening

0:02:52.320,0:02:56.700

Mrs Austin is secretary of the board has agreed to serve as our meeting time keeper

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at the start of each agenda item members May propose a time limit for member statements

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on that agenda item that time limit if approved by majority will only apply to that agenda item

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members of the community who sign up to speak will be held to guidelines stated in board

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policy 167.3 as it relates to public comment including a three-minute limit for their remarks

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Mrs Austin I ask that you give every speaker a hand raise when they have 30 seconds remaining

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so they may conclude their comments no particular no participant in this meeting may speak before

0:03:34.320,0:03:40.320

receiving acknowledgment from the board chair if you would like to speak please raise your hand

0:03:41.220,0:03:46.140

I will address each person by their title and last name for officers and preferred prefix

0:03:46.140,0:03:52.020

and name for other members each member will
be given the opportunity to speak before any

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other member may speak a second time please keep
your comments concise and germane to the topic

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as board chair I will determine if additional
rounds of comments are productive generally

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speaking the member who made the motion will be
the first acknowledged to speak if they choose to

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if at any point of time a member is distracted
by A disruption of those observing the meeting

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they may call for a point of privilege I as
the chair will ask for the disruption to cease

0:04:23.400,0:04:28.560

the disruptive person or persons may be asked to
leave the meeting if they are not willing or able

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to Cease the disruption if at any point a member
wishes to End discussion they may call the vote

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and I as boardshare will recognize that motion
and make a decision to either direct the vote or

0:04:41.520,0:04:46.800

guide any additional comments I am certain
that this will be a learning curve for all

0:04:46.800,0:04:52.560

of us and I ask for your patience an extension
of Grace as I am learning right along with you

0:04:53.520,0:05:00.180

I hope the information I have left at your seat
is helpful with that we're going to move on

0:05:02.040,0:05:05.040

and I will entertain a motion for agenda item one

0:05:06.840,0:05:15.480

move by Mr Marley second by Mrs Mumford
please note there is one change to the agenda

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item number nine the one immediately after
item eight it is marked as no exhibit there

0:05:22.860,0:05:29.220
is actually an exhibit a calendar that's been
put together that was uploaded to the website

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but was not available at the time the agenda was
posted so that exhibit outlines what the proposed

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adjusted work calendar work session calendar
and meeting calendar the Board of Trustees is

0:05:43.560,0:05:47.400
are there any other changes
to the agenda Mrs Mumford

0:05:48.360,0:05:52.740
um I understand is the permission to apply for
and accept annually federal grants is the same

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thing there is a document that was posted to the
website and shared in the packet so there is an

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exhibit on that one as well Mrs Roth can you
verify that there's an exhibit for that item

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there's a minimum okay there is a memo is
it from you or Mrs Chrome it was included in

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the board packing I do not have a memo with
me okay I have a copy of it digitally okay

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so there is a memo connected to that one as
well any other adjustments to the agenda okay

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all those in favor of approving this evening's
agenda please indicate with the show of hands

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please note that all members voted in
the affirmative Mrs Julian and that

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motion passes I'll entertain
a motion on agenda item two

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move by Mr shot second second by Mr Marley
are there any questions or comments about

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the minutes of the June 12 2023 regular
board meeting of the Board of Trustees

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hearing none all those in favor of approving
these minutes please indicate with a show of hands

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that motion carries 7-0 Mrs Julian six sorry six
to zero I will entertain a motion for item three

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moved by Mrs Mumford second by Mr Marley are there

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any questions or comments about the
minutes from our July 5th work session

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all those in favor of approving the minutes from
the July 5th work session please indicate with

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a show of hands that motion carries six
to zero Mrs Julian we have no unfinished

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business on the agenda tonight we'll move
on to Communications from the audience

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these will be in the order that they have signed
up this evening I would invite first Doug Mason

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um Mr Masson I want a microphone
so our live stream can hear you so

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we're going to borrow one nice thank you

0:08:15.360,0:08:21.900
good afternoon uh Doug Masson 3100 Hamilton Street
I'm here today to urge you to move forward on the

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school funding referendum uh failing to renew
it would be catastrophic for the school and

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the community as you all know it represents 18
percent of our funding and if we want to keep

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Arts music extracurriculars quality teaching
and all the things that make our schools great

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we need to get this done out of 290 school
districts we get the third lowest amount of

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funding from the state as Caleb Mills said he's
the father of Indiana's common school system as

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he said in 1848 there's but one way to secure good
schools and that's to pay for them not much has

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changed if we want great schools in our community
we have to make it happen locally and now is the

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time to do it the 2023 elections are dedicated
to Municipal elections and this is a local issue

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so we don't need this somehow get mixed
up with national politics in 2024.

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if you do vote to move forward with the referendum
we need to educate the public and keep the message

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simple and straightforward because the state
mandated ballot language is complicated it's

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long it's structured to use percentages that
magnify the impact of the tax rate and it doesn't

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it doesn't allow the school to make clear that
the rate will remain unchanged with a yes vote

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if voters get to the voting booth without already
knowing what the issue is the required language

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raises a very real possibility that they'll be
confused as to what they're voting for and what

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they're voting against and it's pretty simple
we're voting to retain the current tax rate

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so we can continue to have excellent schools
in West Lafayette nothing more nothing less

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my kids have graduated but the issue
remains important to me because it's

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important to the community not just to
the students say our schools educate

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just yesterday in the Muncie Star Press Michael
Hicks Ball State Economist wrote that the share

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of the economy allocated to education is one
of the biggest factor in an area's prosperity

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175 years ago Caleb Mills was on the same track
when he urged awaken the public mind concentrated

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on the question am I not interested in the proper
education of all that are socially and politically

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connected to me the answer is yes we should renew
the referendum not just for our students not just

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for our schools but for the continued well-being
of our community I'll close by saying I'm happy

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to volunteer however you need me by knocking
on doors Distributing literature making phone

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calls sending postcards whatever you need just
let me know how I can help thank you Mr massen

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moving on to the second to sign up Mary Del Forbes

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thank you madam president thank you to the school board members here I am Mary Dell Forbes I am a

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current uh proud English teacher at the High School freshman and juniors and I am a proud

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Alum or mom of three alums uh many moon ago I had a former life as a local reporter who

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covered School boards I covered them here in Tippecanoe County I also covered them in Howard

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and Grant counties and West Side always impressed me Westside always had its act together they were

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the first to ratify the contract consistently they had their pulse on the legislature and

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they were efficient in their business frankly the current state of affairs makes me sad the

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fact that you madam chair have to it's strictly adhere to Robert's Rules of Order says it all

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the goal here for all of us collectively is clear we need to pass the referendum it's approximately

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a fifth of our budget 18 so we need to get our act together and I implore you to be the servant

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leaders we elected you to be in order to do that I would ask that you implement the three p's one

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be prepared do your research ask your questions ahead of time and don't do so the night before

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be proactive know what the legislature is up to and what we need as a school district and

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finally importantly be positive recent scrabbling
over class sizes for example that's short-sighted

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if the referendum doesn't pass our class
sizes will balloon so what does it matter

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more being right and advancing your agenda or
making a sure that we don't lose 18 percent of our

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working budget as I say to students I don't care
who started it you need to stop now this is West

0:13:07.680,0:13:14.100
Side where the community cares about education
let's show them why we need this referendum

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and why the taxpayers should pass it and why
we deserve their continued support thank you

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up next Alan karpick

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my name is Alan karpick and I'm I live at
3208 Covington Street in West Lafayette

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my former board call colleagues and all of you
on the school board administrators and others

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that are at the table today you've heard this
refrained before but it Bears repeating and all

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to everyone in attendance and everybody
in attendance tonight a highly effective

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School Board does three things they recruit
hires and ultimately Works closely with the

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superintendent it creates and sets policy for
the district and understands and manages the

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fiscal needs of the school system and excuse
me creates sets policy for the district and

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understands and manages the fiscal needs of the school system and none of these three roles is

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more important necessarily than the other but they all work together to do one thing

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create the best opportunities for our kids and during my time on my on the board I was

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fortunate to have been part of the last the past two referendums and looking back it was the best

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of times in my experience on the board and it was a great time for this District to come together

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he takes political action to pass the referendum but it all starts tonight with all of you choosing

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to begin this process based on the results in 2010 and 17 you know that there is support for our

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schools you know that uh and you know for their support for our regarding fiscal our fiscal needs

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any opposition wants us to cut the as Doug said cut our Arts music PE Sports Co and

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extracurricular act programs in addition to uh challenges in the classroom but you must

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maintain and enhance our award-winning program and our offerings and the great things that is

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this that is this District so look around the room tonight and you're going to see that there

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is a lot of support for this it is a beautiful July evening and yet A large group here believes

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in our district that our teachers administrators
and most importantly our students have have what

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it takes to deliver and produce the best the best
educational outcomes but this should not be about

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political posturing for the board or the district
it must be about our kids and the opportunities in

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front of them by passing this referendum this year
you are doing the responsible thing we've talked

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about the need for the less noise in 2024 and the
opportunity to do it this year that's very very

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important it is the most responsible fiscal action
this board can do and that's very plain and simple

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okay please work together if not on everything
moving forward work together on this you are

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currently working with the best central office
team I've seen in my time in this District you

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have a dedicated group of Administrators that
want what is best for kids and teachers that have

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been proven time and again well worthy of your
support this district has never been in a better

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position so take this all into account as we work
forward devoting yes on November 7th thank you

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up next Gail Charlotte

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I timed myself out it's a little over three
minutes so I'm going to speak really fast like

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an auctioneer um I'm Gail Charlotte I am the
proud parent of two West Lafayette grads and

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I am a citizen here in the district let me say the outset I will vote for passage of the referendum I

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will do all in my power to make sure my friends vote for it I will do that not because I have

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children in our schools but because I believe in the West Lafayette Community School Corporation

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and I will do all I can to support the work of our teachers and staff and the children they educate

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I have served on this board there are at least three former board members in the audience

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tonight I served from 20 uh 2000 to 2004. in case you're not familiar with that time

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period I was a part of the board that dealt with the dismissal of the superintendent and

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the subsequent lawsuit that was filed do the diligence and the quiet but strong leadership

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of board president Karen Springer that lawsuit was dismissed finally in federal court saving

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this Corporation millions of dollars I'll be honest we were not a United board we each held

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powerful opinions and there were some strong personalities me too on that board we faced

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intense public scrutiny and there were outspoken citizens who came to our meetings and expressed

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some very forceful opinions it was not easy to be a board member but we were United our

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votes were taken after much honest yet civilized

discussion and were nearly always seven to nothing

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that doesn't mean we always agreed 100 it means we supported the rest of the board

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members even if we didn't agree with them we trusted and supported our leadership team as

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a result following Springer's leadership we followed all legal parameters and directives

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we did the work we were elected to do and we always put the children of our Corporation first

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thank goodness this was all before the explosion of social media can you imagine what a disaster

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it would have been if any one of us could have gone on our personal website or Facebook page and

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openly criticized other board members or board oh shoot leadership um the the West Lafayette school

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corporation would have lost that lawsuit but we stood United and we followed all the correct

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procedures because we had an obligation to the students teachers and staff if any member of

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the community continues to spread disinformation or half-truths this referendum will fail and all

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the taxpayers will blame all of you not just the specific board members like you might think I've I

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just want to close by saying listen to what your consultant said and work together thank you I'm

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sorry I know the time limit is hard it's hard it's hard for all of us now I um up next Lisa Mills

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thank you so much for taking time I'm Lisa Mills
and I am working with Mary Dell and the rest of

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the mighty English Department here at West Side
as well as being a mother of two graduates and

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a member of the community for over 20 years so I
actually want to speak about the tag grants not

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the referendum although it's all kind of you
know tied up together isn't it first of all I

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saw this on the agenda and because there have
been so many new faces that are here I kind of

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wanted to give some background to understand so
everyone would be on the same page seven years

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ago when the state of Indiana began issuing tag
grants to each district teachers board members

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and our former superintendent Rocky Killian
met in discussion to talk about the nature of

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the stipend and how it would be dispersed from
the beginning of this conversation we all agreed

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that Student Success is a group effort derived
from everyone's commitment to doing their job

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well this begins with the bus drivers they are the
ones the first people to see our kids when they

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get on the bus they transport our athletes safely
from meets and games and they safely deliver our

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students back home again every evening including
our youngest kiddos who they will not drop off if

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there is not an adult there to meet them to keep them safe our support staff includes secretaries

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who keep track of attendance order books I mean it goes on and on basically they keep our doors

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open I'm going to mention a few names here so shout out to Kate Springer for juggling so many

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duties at the Junior Senior High School graciously and professionally these ladies are the very first

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faces that parents and visitors see when they come in our schools our custodians drop everything when

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there's an upset stomach on second floor or a bloody nose in the gym they have a job that

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never ends keeping our hallways and classrooms and restrooms clean and disinfected the kitchen Cooks

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I have never seen them not smile at our kids when they go through the lunch line our School

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nurses manage hundreds of health plans and are Vigilant at keeping our buildings healthy this

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last group is a one I feel most passionately about because I worked as a paraprofessional at Harrison

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High School before I started my job here at West Lafayette it was the hardest job I have ever done

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the morning of my second day I cried at The Breakfast Table telling my husband that I just

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didn't think I could handle this challenge the young man I was paired with deserved the very

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best care he was a wonderful hard-working young man but figuring out his needs how to communicate

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and how to overcome his challenges okay how to overcome his challenges was very hard our

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prayer professionals are the very backbone of our classrooms so I'm just going to say learning in

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West Lafayette is can't happen without all these people so for that reason discussion decided to a

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token of appreciation for everyone and I'm proud that West Lafayette has done that I'm sorry okay

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thank you so much and I hope you'll continue to extend that tag Grant to all of our employees

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on to the next item Don caller

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speak in favor of the referendum my name is Don collar I live at 427 Jenning Street

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I've been a taxpayer in West Lafayette since 1978. and uh the West Lafayette Public Schools

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have always been a great school system and uh my wife and I have a son that graduated

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in 2000 and a daughter who graduated in 2006. someone set them up to have that opportunity

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to get the education that they received in this school system it's why I live in this community

0:24:42.180,0:24:49.320

one of the things that I've always thought about West Lafayette Public Schools is that you get

0:24:49.320,0:24:54.420

an independent school or a private school a prep school education at Public School cost

0:24:55.140,0:25:01.140

and I think that's a phenomenal trade I don't think it's a trade-off I think it's a trade

0:25:02.400,0:25:06.000

someone did something for my kids and I think it's important that we do something

0:25:06.000,0:25:10.920

for somebody else's kids in the future and I cannot understand why anybody would jeopardize

0:25:12.180,0:25:19.080

18 of the budget and jeopardize future planning that could be done now rather than have to wait

0:25:19.080,0:25:25.380

under the stress of another election after this coming election it makes no sense to me at all

0:25:26.400,0:25:30.480

one of the things that I noticed I have a couple neighbors as we all do

0:25:31.380,0:25:35.400

uh one of them lives across the street he plays a cello and runs cross-country

0:25:35.400,0:25:41.580

and track the other one lives next door to me and she runs cross-country track and plays the violin

0:25:42.540,0:25:49.860

went to the concert this spring when both those young young people were doing the end

0:25:49.860,0:25:55.800

of the year concert the thing that impressed me most about the concert was the graduates

0:25:56.580,0:26:00.060

and where they were going to school and what they were going to attempt to do with their lives

0:26:01.740,0:26:05.700

without the money from the referendum and it's not a tax increase

0:26:06.780,0:26:12.000

it's just 18 percent we're not asking you're not asking for anything to raise anybody's taxes

0:26:12.540,0:26:19.500

this is status quo I do not understand why there

is even a question on this particular issue

0:26:20.160,0:26:27.600

so I urge you all to vote for this referendum
and I would be I don't know if I can pronounce

0:26:27.600,0:26:31.380

Doug's last name correctly but I will
join with Doug in any way that I can help

0:26:32.940,0:26:39.720

to promote Community to vote at a higher rate
of 95 percent for the last referendum I'd like

0:26:39.720,0:26:46.620

to see it be higher this time people need to
understand that their children in this District

0:26:46.620,0:26:51.660

had an opportunity because of other people
who paid ahead we need to do the same thing

0:26:51.660,0:26:58.200

for this current generation and generations to
come thank you for your time thank you Mr Palmer

0:27:01.920,0:27:09.780

just as explanation Mr Hamilton is attempting to
get Dr Yin if he's able to on the in the meeting

0:27:10.800,0:27:13.200

up next is Rachel Sandberg

0:27:22.920,0:27:27.960

good evening I'm Rachel Sandberg I've been
a high school English teacher since 2001

0:27:27.960,0:27:34.320

and I've been here since 2018. I also have four
children three of whom are in West Side schools

0:27:34.320,0:27:39.780

right now and one preschooler who's coming
so I'm invested here for the very long haul

0:27:41.100,0:27:46.080

um I urge you to vote to move forward with the
referendum and would like to offer some thoughts

0:27:46.080,0:27:51.540

and questions for your consideration there
are questions regarding transfer students this

0:27:51.540,0:27:57.000

makes me nervous because a perk I was offered when deciding to join team scarlet and gray was that my

0:27:57.000,0:28:02.340

kids could come with me so my question to you is Will limiting transfer numbers affect our ability

0:28:02.340,0:28:11.220

to recruit quality staff regarding parameters for class sizes I urge you to strongly avoid setting

0:28:11.220,0:28:17.100

numerical values into our referendum language I'm a member of our teachers union leadership

0:28:17.100,0:28:24.180

I'm vice president and cannot stress enough that setting numbers would very well tie our hands when

0:28:24.180,0:28:28.800

having discussions with our Administration to solve problems that we're having within

0:28:28.800,0:28:35.340

our classrooms for example in our department one grade level was able to work with admin to reduce

0:28:35.340,0:28:41.160

class numbers for a certain subset of students to 15 students who were struggling Learners

0:28:41.160,0:28:46.200

which resulted in larger numbers in some other classes this was a choice we were able to make

0:28:46.800,0:28:53.580

personally I was given the option to have either large classes and fewer class of periods to teach

0:28:54.180,0:29:00.180

or sorry fewer class periods to teach with smaller numbers or a couple larger classes only three

0:29:00.180,0:29:08.520

kids more than the other option and have uh six periods to teach I chose to have the five period

0:29:08.520,0:29:13.620

day and be able to give myself more time to work to provide quality of education for your children

0:29:14.820,0:29:19.020

these decisions are different at every grade level for each teacher and based

0:29:19.020,0:29:24.120

on student needs to tie specific numbers into the referendum would limit our ability to have

0:29:24.120,0:29:27.540

these conversations and make changes in the bus interests of our students

0:29:28.260,0:29:32.940

when my family started to look into moving here one factor affecting my decision was

0:29:32.940,0:29:38.820

the divisiveness of our own local community toward our schools to help me make my decision to come to

0:29:38.820,0:29:44.640

West Side I scoured social media and news reports to see which Community had the best cohesiveness

0:29:44.640,0:29:50.820

towards the goal of providing quality education to our young people and also trusted and supported

0:29:50.820,0:29:57.360

their school's education professionals I'm a third generation educator and can tell you with

0:29:57.360,0:30:03.060

a certainty that nothing does more to demoralize teachers than to see our leadership divided and

0:30:03.060,0:30:08.160

contributing to that culture six years ago I couldn't find any evidence of West Lafayette

0:30:08.160,0:30:13.380

schools lacking support from its Community there were no Facebook groups declaring US versus them

0:30:13.380,0:30:19.980

mentality and their your referendum numbers spoke volumes if I were looking at West Side

0:30:19.980,0:30:26.580

today online what Dirty Laundry would I find I believe that will affect our ability to pass this

0:30:26.580,0:30:33.900

referendum I believe that will affect our ability to meet its goals thank you thank you foreign

0:30:38.280,0:30:44.400

up next we have Laura Marie Williams
and just everyone's aware Dr Yin is

0:30:44.400,0:30:51.360
on our meeting now can you hear us Dr Yin she
cannot hear right now but she can see us okay

0:30:52.500,0:31:02.340
we're halfway there hi thank you Laura Marie
Williams resident basically paying into this

0:31:02.340,0:31:10.620
tax system since the 1970s my family live at 848
Barlow Street have a child going into the Junior

0:31:10.620,0:31:21.720
Senior High School and I'm just here mainly in
support of our our new um our new School Board

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Representatives that the community voted in the
community spoke and I just encourage you to really

0:31:30.480,0:31:40.200
um peaceably work with the newer school
board members um their questions and their uh

0:31:41.220,0:31:47.760
they reflect what the people of West Lafayette of
the West Lafayette Community had on their minds

0:31:47.760,0:31:57.720
have on their minds and um I just encourage
you to embrace and uh also just have a lot of

0:31:57.720,0:32:04.980
transparency because I think in years past there
there wasn't transparency and so a lot of the

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community was frustrated about monies spent that
maybe they didn't understand what was happening

0:32:11.580,0:32:18.480
and so unfortunately there's there's uh some
mistrust and it just takes time to re-earn trust

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right and um so I I just um the School Board needs
to be comfortable answering questions the the

0:32:28.080,0:32:37.020
administration needs to be comfortable answering
questions uh the assistant um I'm sorry um

0:32:39.600,0:32:47.040

Anna Roth met with me for a couple of months ago regarding issues with the special education

0:32:47.040,0:32:55.560

department and that was wonderful um just so that uh that atmosphere of openness continues

0:32:56.100,0:33:03.480

um and that is the norm um also with the tag grants the paraprofessionals really do need a leg

0:33:03.480,0:33:10.740

up especially if we're having larger class sizes I was a little frightened uh going into this coming

0:33:10.740,0:33:17.640

year with my child that my child will apparently have to share a prayer a professional with like

0:33:17.640,0:33:24.600

six or seven other students and this is pretty concerning that's that's maybe too much of a ratio

0:33:24.600,0:33:31.980

I mean I was told that by by the uh special ed administrator in the school so I'm just concerned

0:33:31.980,0:33:39.240

that our kids get what they need and monies go to supporting our kids and just for accountability

0:33:39.240,0:33:48.120

and um yeah openness transparency so anyway thank you very much for your work thank you

0:33:50.460,0:33:55.080

okay the last person speaking tonight on agenda item is Angie Janes

0:34:04.020,0:34:09.420

thank you I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you um I wanted to bring a picture of my daughter

0:34:09.420,0:34:17.040

but um everything I have is in a box because I am currently living at 1515 Ravinia for one more week

0:34:18.600,0:34:25.320

um but I will describe her as having blue sparkly eyes and rosy cheeks and a tiny little mouth that

0:34:25.320,0:34:30.660

just lights up your life when she smiles at you
she attended West Side schools from kindergarten

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to winter break of her sophomore year I'm sharing
her story with her permission after a complicated

0:34:37.200,0:34:41.580

third grade year I approached Mrs Saros with
concerns about her fourth grade teacher assignment

0:34:41.580,0:34:47.580

my concerns were dismissed in a devastating year
for Anna ensued she became withdrawn and angry

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we had her evaluated and she was diagnosed
with ADHD and a specific learning disability

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but by fifth grade she had an IEP was receiving
accommodations and had an extraordinary teacher

0:34:59.280,0:35:06.360

who worked closely with me to help Anna stay
on track our cheerful daughter was back by

0:35:06.360,0:35:11.460

Junior High however the school had downgraded
her from an IEP to a 504 plan regular parent

0:35:11.460,0:35:16.740

meeting ceased and with multiple teachers
I could not stay on top of all of her needs

0:35:16.740,0:35:22.080

for three and a half years I met with teachers
administrators and counselors to find Solutions I

0:35:22.080,0:35:27.300

ran for school board with ideas of how parents and
schools could partner better the more I learned as

0:35:27.300,0:35:33.900

I campaigned the more troubled I became I learned
Anna's experience was not uncommon I learned class

0:35:33.900,0:35:38.760

sizes were on the rise and other parents like me
were frustrated that they voted for the referendum

0:35:38.760,0:35:45.300

to keep class sizes down but we're seeing our kids
in classes growing steadily larger I learned that

0:35:45.300,0:35:49.740
students with special needs like Anna don't get
their accommodations when teachers are overwhelmed

0:35:49.740,0:35:55.200
with large classes I also learned that making any
statement that did not align with the purchased

0:35:55.200,0:36:01.080
niche.com reputation of this Corporation would be
met with hostility rather than a desire to improve

0:36:01.800,0:36:05.880
yet my daughter's experience was not
consistent with the niche.com reputation

0:36:06.420,0:36:11.400
her academic process progress was in steady
decline along with her self-confidence and Hope

0:36:12.300,0:36:17.040
this January after a dismal first semester and
a teacher who failed to observe an accommodation

0:36:17.040,0:36:22.260
even after I shared it with her we pulled Anna
out of Westside away from all her friends and

0:36:22.260,0:36:26.160
the choir and theater program she loved
to enroll in an online Charter School

0:36:27.000,0:36:31.380
she is thriving there academically but she
misses her friends her music and theater

0:36:31.980,0:36:35.760
this is a tragedy she should be able
to be educated by her Public School

0:36:36.600,0:36:40.620
we have sold our home and shortly we will no
longer be residents of this community because we

0:36:40.620,0:36:45.600
are not interested in paying for a referendum we
will no longer benefit from and arguably never did

0:36:46.260,0:36:51.600
I regret the years I spent fighting with you to
try to find solutions for families like mine I

0:36:51.600,0:36:56.040

would have much preferred to work with you but
you made it clear to me and continue to do so

0:36:56.040,0:37:01.260

with board members Ian Mumford and Wong that you
are only interested in boasting or fighting not

0:37:01.260,0:37:06.660

listening and improving you have said it's about
the students for you it's about the students for

0:37:06.660,0:37:11.460

all of us it's too late for Anna but right
now there is a little third grader whose life

0:37:11.460,0:37:17.040

is about to be turned upside down give her the
resources she will need give her hope thank you

0:37:21.180,0:37:29.820

thank you we will move on to um agenda item four
teacher appreciation Grant you'll hear it referred

0:37:29.820,0:37:39.720

to as tag Dr Greiner thank you Mr President uh
PO 3220.01 is the policy that the board has in

0:37:39.720,0:37:45.120

place ensuring compliance with Indiana code
allowing the district to receive the teacher

0:37:45.120,0:37:51.900

appreciation Grant funds and then to be able to
use it in accordance with the Indiana code each

0:37:51.900,0:37:59.160

year the board must adopt the policy concerning
the distribution of the teacher appreciation

0:37:59.160,0:38:06.720

Grant and then the administration must submit that
policy to the Indiana Department of Education by

0:38:06.720,0:38:12.240

September 15th our policy has not changed and
it was approved by the Indiana Department of

0:38:12.240,0:38:18.480

Education last year to be in compliance and so
it's my recommendation that the board vote to

0:38:18.480,0:38:23.820

approve this policy this evening we'll
entertain a motion on agenda item four

0:38:25.260,0:38:32.460
move by Mr Wong second by Mrs Austin any
members who would like to make a comment

0:38:33.780,0:38:40.980
just for your interest it is 10 minutes the
standard is 10 minute and the the default on

0:38:40.980,0:38:46.860
Robert's Rules is that a individual May debate
may speak for 10 minutes and debate on an item

0:38:47.520,0:38:51.960
uh Mr Wong did you want to you made the motion
did you want to comment at all you get the First

0:38:51.960,0:38:57.480
Choice nope okay anyone else have a comment
Mrs Mumford I would like to make a motion to

0:38:57.480,0:39:02.700
table the approval of the teacher appreciation
Grant I'd like the policy committee to revise

0:39:02.700,0:39:09.720
policy 3220.1 to focus the tag money on teachers
and the state's requirement that these teacher

0:39:09.720,0:39:16.260
bonus payments depend on their ratings staff and
administrators as many in the comments shared

0:39:16.260,0:39:22.320
are key we should be giving them bonuses parent
professionals and others but they should not be

0:39:22.320,0:39:29.220
linked directly to the tag um money and has been
a source of frustration for some teachers and I

0:39:29.220,0:39:35.580
have been reviewing as many districts as I could
find with this same policy and I have not found

0:39:35.580,0:39:40.920
another District that has included in their policy
to pay everyone the same using their own funds

0:39:42.780,0:39:44.520
do you think you any other comments

0:39:48.720,0:39:53.460
are you are making a motion to table

okay is there a second for that motion

0:39:56.760,0:40:00.300

okay hearing none that motion would fail are there

0:40:00.300,0:40:03.300

any comments on the teacher
appreciation Grant approval

0:40:06.060,0:40:11.280

hearing none all those in favor of approving
agenda item 4 for the teacher appreciation

0:40:11.280,0:40:20.940

Grant please indicate with the show of hands that
motion carries 7-0 Mrs Julian six to zero I'm so

0:40:20.940,0:40:28.380

sorry seven is a number in my brain moving on to
agenda item five the Personnel report Dr Greiner

0:40:31.200,0:40:36.720

so you have in your packet the Personnel report
and it is my recommendation that the board

0:40:36.720,0:40:44.340

approved the Personnel report as presented in the
packet entertain a motion soloed moved by Mr shot

0:40:44.340,0:40:50.400

second by Mr Marley are there any comments or
questions about the Personnel report this evening

0:40:52.020,0:40:59.520

Mrs Mumford um what are your plans for filling
the position of the Dei coordinator as I stated in

0:40:59.520,0:41:05.220

the writing notes we plan to post it and then we
are going to engage with the community enrollment

0:41:05.220,0:41:10.200

so who will you have serve on the committee
the representative committee how will you

0:41:10.200,0:41:15.540

seek involvement in that Mrs Roth would you like
to expand on that briefly I know that we're in

0:41:15.540,0:41:21.780

the very beginning stages of that certainly the
plan currently is to treat it as we would in a

0:41:21.780,0:41:29.100

district-wide position some form of survey from the community and staff members and then also

0:41:29.100,0:41:34.980
representatives from different buildings
maybe parent Council wide representation

0:41:34.980,0:41:39.780
it's not specified yet though but when we get better ideas we will include it in Friday notes

0:41:42.060,0:41:44.580
any other questions or comments
about the Personnel report

0:41:47.340,0:41:51.480
all is in favor of approving the Personnel report please indicate with the show of hands

0:41:52.860,0:41:55.560
that motion carries six to zero Mrs Julian

0:41:57.960,0:42:03.420
moving on to agenda item six Dr Greiner designee paperwork so you have in your packet and have

0:42:03.420,0:42:10.260
seen also the resolution allowing the new glass director to sign for excessive cost grants as the

0:42:10.260,0:42:16.140
designee and so it is my recommendation that the board vote to approve this resolution this evening

0:42:17.940,0:42:22.740
I'll entertain a motion move
by Mrs Austin second by Mr

0:42:22.740,0:42:27.120
Wong any comments or questions about
designee paperwork agenda item six

0:42:29.700,0:42:34.920
okay hearing none all those in favor of approving this agenda item please indicate with a show of

0:42:34.920,0:42:44.760
hands this motion carries 6-0 Mrs Julian
moving on to uh permission to apply for an

0:42:44.760,0:42:52.680
accept annually awarded federal grants Mrs Roth so this was the memo included in the packet and

0:42:52.680,0:42:59.220

it reflects board policy 6110 basically under this policy you have to give annual permission

0:42:59.220,0:43:05.520

to apply for these grants these are federally awarded grants that are basic available on an

0:43:05.520,0:43:11.160

annual basis and are considered non-competitive we simply have to apply for them so at this time

0:43:11.160,0:43:17.280

I would ask that you consider the request to approve to accept these federal grants

0:43:20.760,0:43:27.720

uh motion by Mr Marley is second by Mr Wong anyone any questions or comments about this agenda item

0:43:30.060,0:43:34.020

all those in favor of approving the permission to apply for an accept annually awarded federal

0:43:34.020,0:43:40.620

grants please indicate with a show of hands a motion carries six to zero Mrs Julian moving

0:43:40.620,0:43:46.140

on to agenda item seven accounts payable and finance update Mrs Cronk um claims for the

0:43:46.140,0:43:53.760

period of June 7th to July 5th that cut off for this meeting total 6 million 356 631.17 including

0:43:53.760,0:43:58.980

regular Corporation expenses in the Wabash Valley education center expenses of this amount 2 million

0:43:58.980,0:44:02.280

three hundred forty nine thousand six hundred eighty three dollars and forty seven cents were

0:44:02.280,0:44:06.540

paid toward wages salaries and benefits please note that the monthly total is higher than normal

0:44:06.540,0:44:11.460

as our debt service payments are paid in June and December expenditures dated for July 5th are the

0:44:11.460,0:44:16.080

claims held for today's board meeting moving on to

our preliminary fund report for the month ending

0:44:16.080,0:44:22.920

June 30th the education fund has a balance of
2 947 328.48 and total funds on hand for the

0:44:22.920,0:44:30.180

corporation are 21 million 492 318.47 the fund
report is preliminaries we are still working on

0:44:30.180,0:44:35.460

closing fiscal year end at this time please prove
the accounts payable Finance update as submitted

0:44:36.660,0:44:42.000

I'll entertain a motion moved
by Mrs Austin second by Mr shot

0:44:43.200,0:44:46.740

questions or comments about
accounts payable Finance update

0:44:48.780,0:44:53.100

hearing none all is in favor of approving
accounts payable Finance updated and item

0:44:53.100,0:44:58.560

seven please indicate with the show advance
that motion carries six to zero Mrs Julian

0:44:59.880,0:45:07.080

moving on to agenda item 8 the referendum adopt
the resolution as we discussed in our June meeting

0:45:07.860,0:45:15.300

as well as in our work session of July
the 5th we are here tonight to approve

0:45:15.300,0:45:20.760

the question that would be placed on the ballot
to pursue a renewal of our operating referendum

0:45:21.780,0:45:28.440

so we'll begin this with a review of
the question do you have the I'm sorry

0:45:39.060,0:45:44.820

I think that was this is the correctness so
the question that we are proposing here this

0:45:44.820,0:45:50.040

evening I'll read just for the benefit of those
uh watching shell West Lafayette Community School

0:45:50.040,0:45:55.980
Corporation continue to impose increased property
taxes paid to the school corporation by homeowners

0:45:55.980,0:46:01.200
and businesses for eight years immediately
following the holding of the referendum for

0:46:01.200,0:46:05.340
the purpose of retaining and attracting
teachers and staff and funding academic

0:46:05.340,0:46:10.320
programming and operating expenditures with
the renewal of the current maximum referendum

0:46:10.320,0:46:16.020
property tax rate of 37 cents the property
tax increase requested in this referendum

0:46:16.020,0:46:21.660
was originally approved by the voters in 2017 and
if extended we'll increase the average property

0:46:21.660,0:46:27.360
tax paid to the school corporation per year on
a residence within the school corporation by

0:46:28.200,0:46:31.320
Ms Herndon could you give me the
percentages I don't have them on the number

0:46:36.000,0:46:39.180
thank you the copy I have
does not have if you would

0:46:39.180,0:46:42.420
please introduce yourself and offer the
percentages I'm missing those thank you

0:46:51.180,0:46:56.820
leave back from the audit of those percentages
so that information will be sent on to the state

0:46:56.820,0:47:02.040
okay but it's not required that they be in I just
want to thank you I appreciate the clarification

0:47:03.660,0:47:10.500
yes thank you so it would pay to the school
corporation per year on a residence within a

0:47:10.500,0:47:18.180
school corporation by X percent 46.2 percent

is the percentage that will be placed there

0:47:18.180,0:47:22.200

okay and if extended will increase the average property tax paid to the school

0:47:22.200,0:47:27.960

corporation per year on a business property within the school corporation by 41.8 percent

0:47:28.680,0:47:34.680

thank you could you please um share introduce yourself just so people know who's spoken that

0:47:34.680,0:47:42.180

sure my name is Lindsay simonetto I'm with Baker Tilly and we serve as the financial people we

0:47:42.180,0:47:48.780

worked alongside the the county auditor to put these percentages together it is a prescribed

0:47:48.780,0:47:57.780

formula that the dlqf and the state requires being done and I just want to to make sure and mention

0:47:57.780,0:48:06.840

that it's really it's not these percentages these 40 46.2 and 41.8 are not referring to

0:48:06.840,0:48:12.720

an increase in the total tax bill but they are actually referring to really the percentage

0:48:13.680,0:48:19.560

um of the referendum as part of what an average taxpayer pays to the school

0:48:19.560,0:48:23.640

corporation so it's it's very confusing the way it's all the legalese and how it

0:48:23.640,0:48:28.620

has to be worded but that's really what it's referring to but thank you very much

0:48:30.420,0:48:35.760

so that is what we are here to vote on tonight is approval of that question as read and described

0:48:35.760,0:48:43.800

I will entertain emotion move by Mr Marley second by Mr Wong do we have any comments or

0:48:43.800,0:48:53.640

questions on this ah Mr Marley yeah Jane has a question for you so this question that's going

0:48:53.640,0:48:59.820

to be on the ballot is misleading can we counter that with our own public relations and message

0:49:00.660,0:49:05.820

make sure the public understands absolutely very typical because you're absolutely right

0:49:06.480,0:49:09.720

it's very difficult for people who are even in the know like

0:49:12.000,0:49:18.840

means and I just stay for the record that the school board has very little ability to change the

0:49:18.840,0:49:24.240

word into this question there are very small parts of this that you have some influence but otherwise

0:49:24.240,0:49:32.760

it's dictated by the statute and I really think that absolutely you should and can go ahead and

0:49:32.760,0:49:37.080

give information to the community that helps them understand how this will actually affect

0:49:37.080,0:49:43.560

them right right because it's really a neutral event no increase thank you Jane appreciate it

0:49:44.640,0:49:51.420

uh Mr Wong we have another version basically include the class sites for the reference of

0:49:51.420,0:49:57.480

proper statement is that right um if you would like to offer we're currently discussing the

0:49:57.480,0:50:03.120

question that was read and proposed if you want to consider changing that you would make a motion

0:50:03.120,0:50:10.620

for an amendment to that item would you like to make an emotion to amend the question at hand

0:50:12.240,0:50:18.840

yeah okay I I think I have more second okay so in

this situation the conversation has happened with

0:50:18.840,0:50:24.600

me as the reminder so you would not like to make
a motion to amend Mrs Mumford would like to make

0:50:24.600,0:50:29.700

a motion to amend okay so we'll pause there
so you're talking about a strike an ad you

0:50:29.700,0:50:34.800

want a strike wording and add wording I'd like
to make a motion to add reduced class sizes to

0:50:34.800,0:50:42.000

the referendum question okay is there a second
for Mrs mumford's motion to make an amendment to

0:50:42.000,0:50:50.220

add the words reduce class sizes Mr Wong has
seconded that motion are there any questions

0:50:50.220,0:50:56.520

comments about that Mrs Mumford would you like
to speak about that my understanding is that

0:50:56.520,0:51:02.580

the spending plan I mean spendy spending plan does
talk about maintaining class sizes but this isn't

0:51:02.580,0:51:09.780

what the voters see maintaining class sizes what
was which was in the 2017 referendum is something

0:51:09.780,0:51:15.180

that has been a priority for our community and
it matters to parents it matters to teachers and

0:51:15.180,0:51:21.120

so I would like it to be in on the question
so that it's at the ballot and so that it's

0:51:21.120,0:51:26.400

something that we are focused on as we have seen
class sizes trending up over the years instead of

0:51:27.240,0:51:33.780

um so I'd like to see it reduced okay anybody
else any comments about this item Mrs Austin

0:51:35.040,0:51:42.360

um I disagree with your interpretation of the
facts with regard to class size I don't think

0:51:42.360,0:51:53.520

it's reasonable to count kids in yearbooks and call that data so I think so Mrs Austin are you

0:51:53.520,0:51:57.900

making asking for a point of information I am asking for point of information thank you Dr

0:51:57.900,0:52:03.960

greiter could you address the class size question that Mrs Austin has asked for clarification on

0:52:05.460,0:52:15.720

the new Friday notes we did the comparison that board members asked for for 2017 compared to 2022

0:52:16.500,0:52:21.480

we saw that kindergarten for that particular year but we have to remember a school district

0:52:21.480,0:52:29.700

our size fluctuates from year to year even more so than a larger corporation like TSC

0:52:29.700,0:52:36.180

Hamilton Southeastern for example but we saw that for that particular particular

0:52:36.180,0:52:41.340

year the kindergarten was the same size and we saw that uh

0:52:43.560,0:52:49.920

class size averages per class 20.2 in a class we saw that depending on the grade

0:52:49.920,0:53:01.440

level it ranges from 20 to 24 students 2017 compared to 20 22. we use Skyward

0:53:01.440,0:53:10.260

data we took a snapshot from Skyward looking at class rosters students actually sitting in seats

0:53:10.800,0:53:18.960

the overall average from 2017 compared to 2022 we do see that there is a difference of 1.75

0:53:18.960,0:53:31.740

for the overall average and so average across k-6 20.2 2017 compared to 21.9 again according

0:53:31.740,0:53:38.760

to Skyward rosters I want to stress that we

recognize that these are that's a build a grade

0:53:38.760,0:53:45.240

level K through six average and we recognize that that that doesn't mean anything unless you look

0:53:45.240,0:53:52.980

at situations and you look at individual grade levels and you look at overall trending we know

0:53:53.940,0:53:59.580

That central office administrators building administrators and teachers through the Teachers

0:53:59.580,0:54:07.320

Association work at the end of the year through into the beginning of the year to monitor class

0:54:07.320,0:54:15.600

sizes and to consider whether or not we need to add a teacher and so I just want to assure you

0:54:15.600,0:54:21.060

that we will continue that practice and we will continue to collaborate at the central office

0:54:21.060,0:54:28.560

level with building level Administration with the corporation and teacher Teachers Association and

0:54:28.560,0:54:34.620

of course principals at the building level work closely with grade levels that have

0:54:34.620,0:54:40.080

questionable numbers and so they're working as well and then they're represented to through

0:54:40.080,0:54:46.560

the Teachers Association so we work closely together to understand the needs to ensure that

0:54:46.560,0:54:53.940

our teachers have the resources they need to meet the needs of our students we also have added an

0:54:53.940,0:54:58.920

preventionists so there are intervention teachers at the intermediate school there

0:54:58.920,0:55:04.440

are intervention teachers at the elementary school through Title 1 funds and or through the

0:55:05.640,0:55:12.960

education plan and so with that we would have the ability to even work with uh

0:55:14.280,0:55:19.380

the stakeholders to see how we might put teachers in classrooms

0:55:19.980,0:55:26.820

with the staff we have now that would be dialogue that we would want to have with our teacher teams

0:55:26.820,0:55:32.700

with our building administrators who are working closely with their building level team and of

0:55:32.700,0:55:38.100

course we would like we do so well engage very closely with our Teachers Association through

0:55:38.100,0:55:43.320

the discussion process so I can assure the board that we will continue that dialogue we

0:55:43.320,0:55:50.340

will continue that collaborative process and we could even um get some input from parents

0:55:50.340,0:55:56.220

through surveying in the future because there's been some mention of that desire by the board

0:55:57.420,0:56:05.940

additionally I will post that comparison if the board desires on the Q a of the of the website

0:56:05.940,0:56:12.240

okay and so we can get that information that the board has as well and I appreciate the questions

0:56:12.240,0:56:20.820

okay does that answer your question your request okay um Mr shot it is still Mrs mumford's turn

0:56:20.820,0:56:24.900

she was interrupted by a point of information do you have anything else you would like to say okay

0:56:24.900,0:56:31.560

Mr shot Mr Speaker for Jane does Saint reduce class size back us into a corner at all and

0:56:31.560,0:56:37.260

it just seems all through like a a broad stroke I

was hoping you were going to ask me a question um

0:56:39.780,0:56:48.960

I've not seen a school corporation use the word reduced class size now that's going by memory not

0:56:48.960,0:56:54.420

actually going back and looking they have used the word manage class size and I think that is

0:56:54.420,0:57:02.460

what you probably use your District use back in 2017. part of the reason that school corporations

0:57:02.460,0:57:10.260

tend to use that managed class size is in a way the question you're bringing up is because people

0:57:10.260,0:57:17.940

interpret that different ways and when you put reduced class size there certainly is a political

0:57:17.940,0:57:25.140

expectation if not a reality that every parent will want to experience a reduced class size

0:57:25.140,0:57:30.600

and I think as you heard from your superintendent especially in a smaller District that's not always

0:57:30.600,0:57:37.260

possible and that's why most districts use more of a managed class size opposed to reduced class size

0:57:38.400,0:57:43.920

that I will tell you also I don't know that that has been approved by the dlgr

0:57:44.580,0:57:49.620

I'm more than willing legally to if the board the majority of the board

0:57:49.620,0:57:53.220

decide they want to do that I'm more than happy to go back and ask that

0:57:53.220,0:57:59.640

question but I have not seen that wording reduce class size off the top of my head

0:58:00.240,0:58:05.820

so if somebody goes and finds it I I'm not saying it's not out there but I'm not familiar with that

0:58:07.680,0:58:14.880

thank you Mr Wong yeah I will share something
so regarding the class size that's top

0:58:15.600,0:58:23.880

one of the two top uh questions or I collect from
the community members when I talk to them about

0:58:23.880,0:58:32.760

referendums and many people want uh we have a
very reasonable class size as it will be good

0:58:32.760,0:58:39.360

for students taking that personal attention and
it's also good for teachers so teacher can can

0:58:39.360,0:58:46.140

give timely feedback and they can spend more time
one-to-one and also from my personal experience

0:58:46.140,0:58:52.320

and I already graduated from high school
many many years but I still vividly remember

0:58:53.340,0:59:01.320

there's a teacher just when I was struggling with
some seeing the teacher stop by and then show me

0:59:01.320,0:59:08.040

hey there's um did you try that and you can do it
so there's only about five second interactions but

0:59:08.040,0:59:15.960

I still remember that so I even forget his name
and the the question but I still remember that

0:59:15.960,0:59:23.280

eye contact so the only five seconds so I think
the class size uh I think it's matters and um

0:59:24.000,0:59:32.160

but uh and also when I think about from teachers
point of view that teacher must be observe me for

0:59:32.820,0:59:40.980

or sometimes they understand though how progress
by learning and where is my struggling so he can

0:59:40.980,0:59:48.000

instruct me encourage me on that things so from
my personal experience and also some feedback

0:59:48.000,0:59:57.540

from our communities I think the classroom size

is quite important and this is a but I I back to

0:59:57.540,1:00:04.920

uh Jane's at the idea the management class size
I think that's new to language if I would prefer

1:00:04.920,1:00:10.920

to use that language in case we want to well
that down over here and this is the kind of uh

1:00:11.640,1:00:16.860

um the question is something like a contract with
our communities we need their support and this is

1:00:16.860,1:00:22.680

our commitment what we are going to do is that
money so I think if we put the class size over

1:00:22.680,1:00:30.000

here that's a kind of a board and undeniable
statement or commitment that means we are going

1:00:30.000,1:00:37.020

to use this uh Community Support to accomplish
these things but I said back a little bit I'm

1:00:37.020,1:00:43.140

Layman and if you and also the teachers say that
you guys are professional Educators if you say

1:00:43.140,1:00:50.520

classes are not really that important on these
questions I'm flexible with that but I just I

1:00:50.520,1:00:57.600

think if we put that on that we will have win more
yes mode for our referendum so that's my opinion

1:00:57.600,1:01:03.540

regarding this classic thank you and just to
clarify to all members we are currently discussing

1:01:04.260,1:01:11.040

um the agenda or the amendment to the original
agenda item the original question that Mrs

1:01:11.040,1:01:17.400

Mumford has proposed which is to add the
language to um I'm sorry could you repeat it

1:01:17.400,1:01:23.520

to reduce class sizes so that is
what we're discussing right now is

1:01:23.520,1:01:28.320
her proposed amendment to add the language
to reduce class sizes to this motion the

1:01:28.320,1:01:32.460
only member we have not heard from is Mrs
Austin Mrs Austin would you like the floor

1:01:34.380,1:01:38.460
um the full board reviewed the question
and had the opportunity to ask all their

1:01:38.460,1:01:43.920
questions or make suggestions on the language
during the executive session on May 22nd the

1:01:43.920,1:01:48.000
presentation which was prepared by Ice
Miller and given to each member on paper

1:01:49.200,1:01:55.980
um included two slides with variations on the
referendum question in large print we then

1:01:55.980,1:01:59.940
received a memo from Mrs Cronk in the June
board packet that explained the need to be

1:01:59.940,1:02:06.900
prepared to discuss the question at the meeting
the questions last renewal in this renewal were

1:02:06.900,1:02:11.940
both provided publicly at that meeting the board
voted to proceed and Mrs Cronk did exactly what

1:02:11.940,1:02:16.500
she said she would do and sent the question
for prior review and approval to the dlgf

1:02:16.500,1:02:20.940
I feel that all of us have had ample time to
examine the question and to make suggestions

1:02:20.940,1:02:29.520
and the amending the question at this time will
cause an undue burden on our central office staff

1:02:29.520,1:02:35.880
and delay our progress toward the referendum so I
would encourage people to vote no on the amendment

1:02:38.760,1:02:43.680
um with that let's go ahead and vote on this

suggested Amendment again that is the amendment

1:02:43.680,1:02:52.560

proposed by Mrs Mumford to add language to this agenda item all of those in favor of approving the

1:02:52.560,1:03:01.020

language Edition that Mrs Mumford has requested please indicate with a show of hands okay two

1:03:01.020,1:03:10.680

all of those opposed okay in favor are Mr Wong and Mrs Mumford opposed our Mr shot Mrs Austin

1:03:12.360,1:03:19.200

um Mr Marley and myself that motion to amend fails we are going to move on to the original

1:03:19.200,1:03:25.920

agenda item which is agenda item 8 referendum adopt resolution that is already on the floor

1:03:25.920,1:03:32.460

would anybody like to speak about that Mr Wong one more question regarding just to clarify you'll say

1:03:32.460,1:03:39.000

these 46.2 percent and the 41.8 percent these are optional we don't need to keep them on the ballot

1:03:39.540,1:03:46.440

no they have to be on the ballot they don't have to be in the resolution from the auditor

1:03:46.440,1:03:53.280

sometimes at the time of this meeting we have that information sometimes we don't because the statute

1:03:53.280,1:03:59.100

allows you to adopt it the way it is with the blanks and then once the auditor certification

1:03:59.100,1:04:05.400

comes we put those percentages in there or the dlfg puts those percentages in there in

1:04:05.400,1:04:10.680

your case the auditor was quick to respond and we actually have those percentages so that's

1:04:10.680,1:04:15.840

why they were able to be shared tonight it is very clear explanation thank you appreciate uh

1:04:17.520,1:04:24.840

yes another I say the two two questions to
hesitate I collect from the Community member

1:04:24.840,1:04:34.920

uh another things regarding how we use this
uh uh this Revenue about seven millions and

1:04:34.920,1:04:46.080

uh I think there's good news is we have some new
Indiana code specifically uh specifically ask us

1:04:46.080,1:04:57.840

about to detail the spending which is IC 20-46-1
that's a which means from from 2024 many standings

1:04:57.840,1:05:06.060

from 2024 to 7 Millions we collect from referendum
will be detailed document how we spend that money

1:05:06.060,1:05:13.380

so is that uh true and I want uh Michelle
can have more clear explanations thank you

1:05:15.540,1:05:21.180

from legislation passed can you tell me how
long I don't know how long ago uh two years

1:05:21.180,1:05:27.360

22. yeah governing so governing new referendums
after that legislation we are required to pass a

1:05:27.360,1:05:33.060

revenue spending plan which details what we plan
to spend it on um and you have that Revenue split

1:05:33.060,1:05:39.360

spending plan that we are um suggesting for this
upcoming year that is passed every year during

1:05:39.360,1:05:43.320

the budget process so the board will have say
and what that Revenue spending plan looks like

1:05:43.320,1:05:47.820

we'll bring you a ref a recommendation um and
obviously you will have input on that every year

1:05:48.780,1:05:53.700

um and those expenditures are actually
spent directly from the referendum

1:05:54.240,1:06:00.780

um fund which is fund 160. so it is tracked from

actual expenditure codes in the referendum fund

1:06:01.860,1:06:10.620

and it'll be audited yeah would you mind to compare with what our current I mean legitimate

1:06:10.620,1:06:16.980

ways how we handle that accounting uh in terms of how to financially handle currently how we

1:06:16.980,1:06:23.460

do that and what will happen after this 2024. so previously um in years for in years previous to

1:06:23.460,1:06:30.060

2023 was perfectly acceptable to transfer cash from the referendum fund to the education funded

1:06:30.060,1:06:34.560

operations fund to fund those things that we said we were going to spend the money on and

1:06:34.560,1:06:39.240

that was done prior to this year this year we actually budgeted within the referendum

1:06:39.240,1:06:44.340

fund those expenditures and so teachers are being paid directly from the referendum fund custodians

1:06:44.340,1:06:48.180

are being paid directly from the referendum fund bus drivers being paid directly from

1:06:48.180,1:06:54.060

the reference of that so um once we have our financial statements every six months this year

1:06:54.060,1:06:59.220

you will see actual expenditures and not just transfers from the referendum fund into form 9.

1:06:59.880,1:07:05.280

last question is there are so many questions so basically every year we only do budgetings we will

1:07:05.280,1:07:11.520

take this into consideration right okay thank you that's all thank you appreciate any other comments

1:07:15.840,1:07:19.980

okay Dr you and I know that you wanted to make a statement was do

1:07:19.980,1:07:23.460
you want to do that now or
following the vote I'm not

1:07:24.060,1:07:28.920
or did you want to to speak I'm not
sure what your preference is on timing

1:07:34.980,1:07:36.300
I'm not sure we can hear you

1:07:38.580,1:07:42.660
try again Dr again okay thank you

1:07:46.080,1:07:54.720
great thanks um so um first I actually I
would like to follow up with uh the class size

1:07:54.720,1:08:05.100
discussion a little bit and uh I think I yeah I
also agree the you know appropriate card size is a

1:08:05.700,1:08:13.680
important for high quality education and actually
I like the idea of using the managed class size

1:08:13.680,1:08:19.440
because I feel a as I said last time and it
depends and for keeping the greens even the

1:08:20.460,1:08:26.520
um subjects for students with the different
needs that issue you know the class size

1:08:27.120,1:08:39.000
uh May differ and also I think and is actually the
truth without the referendum and we won't be able

1:08:39.000,1:08:45.120
to maintain the class size or reduce the class
size and I remember I heard that if we don't have

1:08:45.120,1:08:54.960
the referendum we have to significantly increase
the class size and so yeah that's just what I

1:08:54.960,1:09:01.140
thought when I hear the the class size discussion
because I couldn't touch me at that time I

1:09:01.140,1:09:10.500
I like to add what I've I I thought and I also
prepared a statement and for this referendum and

1:09:11.220,1:09:18.420
issue in general and it's a little bit long and
if it's okay I'll read it now is that okay please

1:09:18.420,1:09:26.700
let's go ahead and Dr Ian okay thank you um I
appreciated the generous referendum support from

1:09:26.700,1:09:35.520
our community in the past to runs and our students
excel in various ways academic performance Sports

1:09:35.520,1:09:43.680
specific parts and the social impacts our district
ranks the top in Indiana and around the top 300

1:09:43.680,1:09:51.240
in the nation and around the top 100 for stem
schools according to us use the salary of our

1:09:51.240,1:09:58.080
teachers and the staff members are among the most
competitive in Indiana we couldn't have achieved

1:09:58.080,1:10:05.040
what we have done without our communities
generous referendum support at VD without

1:10:05.040,1:10:12.480
continuing the referendum will be necessary for
our schools for several reasons first we have one

1:10:12.480,1:10:19.440
of the lowest funding for students in Indiana
and second our district is small which brings

1:10:19.440,1:10:26.580
some advantages guys at the same time the small
size of our district make our education costs

1:10:26.580,1:10:33.960
per students are higher than the larger District
due to our lack of respect third we have Rich and

1:10:33.960,1:10:41.520
high quality extracurricular activities which
is constantly first we should compensate our

1:10:41.520,1:10:47.100
hard-working teachers and staff members even
better inspiredly given the high inflation

1:10:48.060,1:10:55.200
I believe that the referendum will be helpful

for the residents with or without a school age

1:10:55.200,1:11:02.460

kids with the continuous referendum fund we can continue our high quality education high quality

1:11:02.460,1:11:10.200

ECA high quality and the sufficient teacher staff and we can also reduce the class size of the

1:11:10.200,1:11:17.640

bigger ones better education is beneficial for the residents of business school educates the house is

1:11:17.640,1:11:25.080

in our district that have been highly needed in our area boosting their prices better education

1:11:25.080,1:11:31.140

can further increase the property value in our districts which will benefit the residents without

1:11:31.140,1:11:39.420

the school age kids as well I believe that wisely spending the fund is important and at the moment

1:11:39.420,1:11:46.560

and the administration is the key player in the spending Dr Greiner and his team are open-minded

1:11:46.560,1:11:53.280

and take actions to address various problems they have made a lot of great improvements in

1:11:53.280,1:12:00.780

the past years and a half for example improve the community engagement in decision making improve

1:12:00.780,1:12:06.840

the transparency increase the teacher staff appreciation and the compensation improve the

1:12:06.840,1:12:13.680

student's parents Community appreciation prepared attorney who are friendly to our community and

1:12:13.680,1:12:21.300

the church reasonably accessible there are only the things ours to continue to improve

1:12:21.300,1:12:28.140

our current Administration is willing to listen to the community and the value Community feedback I'm

1:12:28.140,1:12:34.500

fully confident that the current Administration will cherish the generous contribution of our

1:12:34.500,1:12:41.040

community and the wisely spend the fund to make our district even better for all keys

1:12:41.040,1:12:50.160

and consequentially better for all residents in our district thank you thank you Dr Yin

1:12:50.160,1:12:56.520

um perhaps a parliamentarian would disagree with me but I was not able to find any direction

1:12:56.520,1:13:02.400

on allowing a remote statement to be read so I appreciate the board accommodating Dr Yin sharing

1:13:02.400,1:13:10.140

her thoughts again the item that we are discussing is agenda item a referendum adopt resolution Mr

1:13:10.140,1:13:13.860

Marley I believe you are the only member who's not spoken on it do you have anything you would like

1:13:13.860,1:13:19.920

to say I was thinking that I asked Jane earlier about uh countering the language oh you did thank

1:13:19.920,1:13:25.200

you I'm sorry I think I'm you're covered every member has spoken I'd like to proceed with the

1:13:25.200,1:13:30.840

vote at this time all those in favor of approving agenda item 8 referendum with the question at hand

1:13:30.840,1:13:37.440

please indicate with a show of hands that motion carries six to zero Mrs Julian we're

1:13:37.440,1:13:43.440

going to move on to agenda I the next agenda item which is about the scheduling of work sessions

1:13:45.060,1:13:50.460

technically speaking I learned uh over the weekend that this work session because we are amending a

1:13:50.460,1:13:55.020

vote that we did last time should have been old

business I left it where it is in new business

1:13:55.020,1:14:03.720

we're looking again at a proposed calendar um we approved our meeting schedule and the last meeting

1:14:05.880,1:14:11.580

in between when this was posted online and this meeting this evening we had one

1:14:11.580,1:14:18.540

additional change added to this this is a date of meeting September 20th 2023 and

1:14:18.540,1:14:23.520

that is the public hearing on the 2023 budgets and finance updates that is scheduled for 6 pm

1:14:24.300,1:14:29.340

that is as I understand it Mrs crunk uh legally mandated meeting that we hold

1:14:40.740,1:14:47.520

right thank you so that has been an addition that people have not seen I want to I want

1:14:47.520,1:14:51.240

to point that out in case you had looked at that it should be updated on box now if you'd like to

1:14:51.240,1:14:56.760

go take a glance at that also I want to point out to you that there was one shift from when we last

1:14:56.760,1:15:03.840

approved this the March meeting has been moved to March 4th that is to avoid spring break which

1:15:03.840,1:15:10.080

is the following week the only other changes to this from our last approval and our last

1:15:10.080,1:15:18.000

meeting was to add the work sessions the Friday mornings prior to our regular meetings from 7

1:15:18.000,1:15:23.340

to 8 A.M that would be here in the LGI room that would be an opportunity for any member

1:15:23.340,1:15:29.040

and all members to come and pose their questions about the month's work in advance of the meeting

1:15:30.600,1:15:37.800

I would entertain a motion on this updated calendar Mr Mr Wong has made a motion is

1:15:37.800,1:15:43.740

there a second second by Mr shot discussions or comments about this newly updated calendar

1:15:44.760,1:15:54.300

so I think we moved the working session to the morning time from seven to eight right yeah I

1:15:54.300,1:15:59.220

think probably that's only the only thing we work a long time to find that but the only possible

1:15:59.220,1:16:06.540

downside I can think of for probably is a little bit too early for our community members to uh to

1:16:06.540,1:16:11.700

join the meeting to listen that meeting so that's probably the only possible downsides I can think

1:16:11.700,1:16:17.160

of about that but uh seems that's probably the only only option we have okay thank you

1:16:18.060,1:16:23.040

the work sessions will be live streamed and recorded So individuals would have the ability

1:16:23.040,1:16:28.980

to view that after the fact any other questions or comments Mrs Mumford yeah would love to I would

1:16:28.980,1:16:34.320

like to understand why the 7 A.M was chosen and if you are worried that parents and teachers won't be

1:16:34.320,1:16:40.740

able to attend because of the time that it is Dr Greiner and I discussed this at length would you

1:16:40.740,1:16:46.140

like to kind of explain the logic or would you like me to well I'll just Begin by saying that we

1:16:46.140,1:16:51.060

heard the board suggesting that if we were going to have a work session that it would make more

1:16:51.060,1:16:55.740

sense to do it before the board meeting rather

than after and then based on the way we do our

1:16:55.740,1:17:00.600

Friday announce and communicate with the board and we'll have those questions by then and so

1:17:00.600,1:17:05.760

possibly even we could still add them in Friday notice for record but really the questions could

1:17:05.760,1:17:10.260

actually just be discussed like the board likes to do anyway in periods where they want to hold

1:17:10.800,1:17:18.660

Mr dealer has suggested that we not hold a work session unless absolutely necessary but the point

1:17:18.660,1:17:25.320

of holding that work session right before a board meeting was so that we could engage in in the

1:17:25.320,1:17:30.180

dialogue and so seven to eight seemed like a good time because it's on a Friday right before the

1:17:30.180,1:17:36.120

Monday board meeting so and that's where my team and I when we were asked what what our thoughts

1:17:36.120,1:17:42.960

were that's where that originated from for us to assist with the the explanation of the the timing

1:17:42.960,1:17:49.680

our board packet is released to us by board policy uh typically the Wednesday prior to a meeting

1:17:50.340,1:17:56.700

uh we then have until and usually that has been Wednesday afternoon uh we have until

1:17:56.700,1:18:02.520

noon on Friday then to ask follow-up questions the hope is that we would be able as you know

1:18:02.520,1:18:06.480

to release the documents onto the website and Advance the meeting as early as Friday

1:18:07.260,1:18:13.980

as late as Monday and the difficulty comes into fitting a work session in that very narrow time

1:18:13.980,1:18:17.460
that allows board members adequate time to
review the documents formulate questions

1:18:17.460,1:18:22.560
present those in public and ask the and ask our
staff to try and answer them but also maintain

1:18:22.560,1:18:26.760
the level of transparency to the community
that we've been working towards so that was

1:18:26.760,1:18:33.720
the purpose and the timing there's really not
a lot of extra days in there so that was the

1:18:33.720,1:18:38.700
conversation that Dr Reiner and I had about
the timing as well did that adequately answer

1:18:38.700,1:18:44.400
your question it did I have a second question
and when will we determine if they are needed

1:18:46.500,1:18:48.900
that's a good question do you have an opinion

1:18:49.680,1:18:54.300
but I don't have an opinion on that now so the
board's work sessions I don't have the thing

1:18:54.300,1:19:00.060
truly I mean the board would need to determine
if they needed that work session I would when do

1:19:00.060,1:19:06.420
we make the decision if it's needed or so what I
would suggest to you is that um members who desire

1:19:06.420,1:19:12.600
to hold a work session would send a message to me
as the board chair and ask that we schedule that

1:19:13.620,1:19:18.180
um and then if along with the content that
you feel would be appropriate for that work

1:19:18.180,1:19:23.460
session and then we would the board officers and
I as our task would make that decision with Dr

1:19:23.460,1:19:27.600
Greiner and whether or not a board session or
a work session needed to be held alternatively

1:19:27.600,1:19:34.200

it could be held uh in the regular meeting or
could be decided in the regular meeting prior to

1:19:35.400,1:19:40.920

um if we have an adequate ability to identify
what might come up in the future we don't

1:19:40.920,1:19:47.820

always know but we could always try that any
other questions comments about the schedule

1:19:49.680,1:19:55.200

okay we'll take a vote all those in favor of
approving the proposed modification to the board

1:19:55.200,1:20:01.500

meeting calendar for our adjusted work sessions
as well as the addition of the public Hearing in

1:20:01.500,1:20:07.560

September and the adjustment of the spring break
the March meeting to avoid spring break those are

1:20:07.560,1:20:11.700

the things on the table there all those in favor
of approval of that please indicate with a show of

1:20:11.700,1:20:21.600

hands the motion carries six to zero Mrs Julian uh
we will move on to public comments on non-agenda

1:20:21.600,1:20:28.740

items and we do have three individuals who have
signed up for that the first is Gail Charlotte

1:20:34.380,1:20:36.660

I missed an agenda item no I didn't

1:20:39.780,1:20:49.080

oh I'm very sorry excuse me Miss Charlotte
my apologies I've not read my own agenda uh

1:20:49.800,1:20:56.820

we will move on to our next agenda
item regarding public comments uh Mr

1:20:57.480,1:21:05.520

thank you so a little bit background we talk about
this last meeting just for discussion purpose but

1:21:05.520,1:21:12.720

today I'm going to submit uh two emotions and the

background little background is um back to 2000

1:21:14.640,1:21:18.840
start with just the basic motion you'll
get a second and then you can explain

1:21:19.680,1:21:28.200
one motion is remove uh these uh

1:21:29.940,1:21:36.000
from the agenda are two motions regarding
our agenda are one is to remove these the

1:21:36.000,1:21:43.140
limitations of current agenda item for their
first opportunity of communication from the

1:21:43.140,1:21:50.640
audience so if you look at this agenda uh that's
my first motion to remove that the background is

1:21:52.620,1:21:58.260
you made a motion we want to do that is there
a second for this motion oh okay a motion for

1:21:58.260,1:22:05.640
a second from um Mrs Mumford now if you would
like to just explain what you want to explain

1:22:05.640,1:22:12.060
about this first motion you're making that would
be helpful so now the background is back to 2000

1:22:12.060,1:22:21.420
last year uh the we have the new regulations
regarding the public comments for specifically

1:22:21.420,1:22:33.000
for school board and which is IC 5-14.1.5.3
and basically um there are two things the

1:22:33.000,1:22:38.940
first things are governing I just read that out
deep because this related to the first motion I

1:22:38.940,1:22:45.420
I provide uh the first is a governing body
May adopt a reasonable reasonable rules to

1:22:45.420,1:22:55.980
governing The Taking of oral public comments at a
meeting and regarding these reasonable rules we uh

1:22:55.980,1:23:05.400

Indiana Public Access counselor's office uh they have some case regarding how to interpret this

1:23:05.400,1:23:15.300

so-called lures so basically they say you can set up time and place and manners you have to be your

1:23:15.300,1:23:21.300

decent manner speak to the chairman that kind of thing and specifically I'm talking about the case

1:23:21.300,1:23:33.420

number 22 Dash [Music] fc-124 so in that case the pack uh so opinion or regard adding this general

1:23:33.420,1:23:44.400

rules basically they think limited public comments on the agenda item is not belong to the reasonable

1:23:44.400,1:23:54.420

rules so I think maybe we will be better off to remove these limitations I think at least we will

1:23:54.420,1:24:02.220

after we remove these limitations at least we have to benefit ways we can avoid any possible

1:24:02.220,1:24:10.020

unnecessary scrutinies from the public access counselors I mean they already have case interpret

1:24:10.020,1:24:18.840

that clause which include the limitations another thing which is a bigger benefit in my opinion is

1:24:18.840,1:24:30.240

we create a open and more welcome environment for our school board meetings and I know there's a

1:24:30.240,1:24:36.420

take a lot of Courage for people stand up and walk over here sit here and share there's come

1:24:36.420,1:24:42.900

some comments and I think whatever they share there must be something uh very important for

1:24:42.900,1:24:50.340

them so we want to open and more welcoming environment so our company members can come

1:24:50.340,1:24:57.720

to share so they don't need wandering or whether or not the issue concerning me really belong to

1:24:57.720,1:25:05.700
any agenda items so that's my uh the the
rationales before this uh motion thank you

1:25:07.020,1:25:12.660
any other Mr Marley I'd like to ask Jesse
a question um have you seen our agenda

1:25:12.660,1:25:17.400
or do you have it in front of me now are we
compliant from a legal standpoint currently

1:25:19.740,1:25:20.940
not to put you on the spot

1:25:24.660,1:25:29.460
so the agenda you put together is
legally compliant for that reason alone

1:25:30.480,1:25:34.980
um if your question is specific to public
comments and where they fall is that the

1:25:34.980,1:25:39.420
gist of the question I just wanted to make
sure that our agenda in our language was

1:25:39.420,1:25:46.320
correct and we're not outside the lines so it
sounds like we're perfectly fine where we are

1:25:46.320,1:25:52.500
we also have opportunity for non-agenda commentary
at the end of the meeting so I think we've covered

1:25:52.500,1:25:57.300
it it's just not at first yes so the law says
that you're required to allow public comment

1:25:57.300,1:26:04.500
before a final vote is taken on an item so if
something is conceivably up for on the agenda

1:26:04.500,1:26:11.160
for Action you would need to allow that comment
to occur beforehand if it's not on the agenda

1:26:12.060,1:26:17.700
presumably you wouldn't be taking action
though I do want to point out the public

1:26:17.700,1:26:22.440
access counselors opinions point to the

fact that an agenda is not a set in stone

1:26:23.160,1:26:28.200
framework right you can always amend the
agenda and add things to the agenda so one

1:26:28.200,1:26:34.020
of his concerns in having a policy that
would limit public comment to only agenda

1:26:34.020,1:26:37.980
items is that you would have public comment
be missed that otherwise would be allowed

1:26:44.940,1:26:50.100
are there any other comments
or questions about this motion

1:26:50.100,1:26:56.340
Mrs Mumford I think this would be a courtesy to
our community for example the work session that

1:26:56.340,1:27:00.960
we had last week we had a Community member that
wanted to share a comment and how to wait over

1:27:00.960,1:27:07.980
three hours to make that comment and I don't you
know when you go to other ifus Community member

1:27:07.980,1:27:13.740
would like to share a comment I don't think we
need to say it makes any difference to us if

1:27:13.740,1:27:17.700
they say it at the beginning or the end and so I
think giving them that courtesy if they would like

1:27:17.700,1:27:21.180
to show up at the meeting and give it and then
have other responsibilities and need to leave

1:27:21.180,1:27:27.360
I don't see why that makes any difference to us
but could be a huge courtesy to a community member

1:27:28.860,1:27:35.280
any other comments or questions about this item
Mr shot so Mr one says there's a second notion

1:27:35.280,1:27:39.000
coming it's kind of hard to vote for one at that
moment the second one is and the repercussions

1:27:39.000,1:27:47.400

I don't know how we that's a great Point uh Mr Wong from together you've seen yeah if you would

1:27:47.400,1:27:52.500

like to perhaps we can table this one while we hear the second and then we can come back

1:27:52.500,1:27:57.960

and make a vote on this first uh motion and that would be preferable okay well maybe we can merge

1:27:57.960,1:28:04.560

them one motion go ahead Mr Wong the second one basically also relate the this is another

1:28:04.560,1:28:13.200

uh they also same regulations I just read that however the taking vulnerable public comments

1:28:13.200,1:28:20.760

on a topic must occur before the governing body takes final actions on the topic so basically

1:28:22.620,1:28:27.120

no I should provide emotional okay sorry about that I think I should provide the motion first

1:28:27.120,1:28:34.200

okay so sorry about that so another motion I want to uh submit we can maybe we can merge

1:28:34.200,1:28:41.220

them together basically um we want to move this uh for example for this agenda item which is an

1:28:41.220,1:28:50.220

item number four communication from the audience so I will I will submit a motion to move this item

1:28:50.220,1:28:59.760

but before the item number two are the routine business uh before that uh item so basically we

1:28:59.760,1:29:07.200

change the screen show of this agenda remove this communication from the audience before any final

1:29:07.200,1:29:17.100

actions we took so okay your first motion is to um change the communication from the audience to

1:29:17.100,1:29:21.600

be on all items not just current agenda items

and then the second part of that is that you

1:29:21.600,1:29:30.960

would like us to move that communication from the audience ahead of approval of routine business

1:29:32.460,1:29:39.780

um just as a point of clarification it is in our official School Board uh policy that the first

1:29:39.780,1:29:46.440

thing we must do in our meeting is approve the um agenda and minutes it's the minutes really that

1:29:46.440,1:29:52.800

have to be approved before we conduct any other new um business uh Mrs Austin you had your hand

1:29:52.800,1:30:01.800

up yeah and there's wow um there's a good reason why that has to be done in that order if you don't

1:30:01.800,1:30:08.820

have an agenda then you um don't have a map for where the meeting's supposed to go and if you

1:30:08.820,1:30:15.660

haven't agreed upon what happened in the previous meeting then you can't go on and call business

1:30:15.660,1:30:23.040

unfinished or not so Robert's Rules of orders were set up so that meetings would run in a certain

1:30:23.040,1:30:29.460

sequence and there's reasons why they run in the sequence they do and as much as I would love to

1:30:29.460,1:30:34.860

you know make everything as easy as possible for our community I think we need to have that

1:30:36.120,1:30:42.420

respect for the fact that they're set up this way for a reason so I would say the earliest

1:30:42.420,1:30:49.620

we should be doing communication from the audience would be before unfinished business but not before

1:30:49.620,1:30:57.480

approving the agenda or the minutes okay uh Mr shot keeping two separate motions because they're

1:30:57.480,1:31:04.140
fairly unrelated related but pretty different
I I would agree Mr Wong are you amenable to

1:31:04.140,1:31:09.300
keeping them be separate okay I'm okay uh are
there any other comments regarding the second

1:31:09.300,1:31:16.200
motion by Mr Wong in terms of moving the location
of communication from the audience on our agenda

1:31:17.580,1:31:23.520
um I'm very sorry Mrs I will get some um some
knowledge here from Ms Billingsley so I did

1:31:23.520,1:31:28.440
want to share that consistent with the language of
the law ccha's guidance is to hold public comment

1:31:28.440,1:31:33.180
before your first action item so that would be
include those regular items like the consent

1:31:33.180,1:31:40.200
agenda or pieces like that because the law is so
particular in that it must come before a vote is

1:31:40.200,1:31:46.560
taken and that can include even those very routine
items including the agenda and the minutes okay

1:31:47.580,1:31:52.860
Mrs Mumford and so I reviewed our policy
that says like you said the minutes

1:31:53.400,1:31:58.500
um should be approved as the first order
of business this is in all School District

1:31:58.500,1:32:04.260
policies in Indiana as I researched but a large
majority of them um do allow public comment before

1:32:04.260,1:32:09.720
they do the agenda so TSC for example they
do public participation so it's recognition

1:32:09.720,1:32:16.200
highlights Patron comments and then they approve
the minutes and everything else and so and even

1:32:16.200,1:32:22.020
though in some ways I can see how this could be

understood that you can't put the comments before

1:32:22.020,1:32:27.720

approving the minutes in reviewing other school districts this is actually a common practice and

1:32:27.720,1:32:33.840

Ms Billingsley has indicated there's a reason why for that okay um anybody else any comments

1:32:35.940,1:32:40.500

um Mr Wong you've already spoken so I have to get from everybody else here everybody else is good

1:32:40.500,1:32:47.880

okay um Mr Wong do you have any closing thoughts on this before we take a vote no I think back to

1:32:47.880,1:32:56.580

you uh question regarding our policy which is uh defined how to go through the meeting meetings

1:32:56.580,1:33:04.020

first and I think basically I should actually said this agenda is optional that's one thing

1:33:04.020,1:33:12.780

another thing is uh by law uh our Bella also said if our policy or part of our policy is not in line

1:33:12.780,1:33:19.800

with the laws I think when you see laws include Indiana code so basically my understanding of this

1:33:19.800,1:33:26.280

India and also the Jazz Indian code saying uh the public comment should be before any final actions

1:33:26.280,1:33:35.160

so basically uh that our school policies is not in line with Indiana code so I would submit uh

1:33:35.820,1:33:42.180

that policy to our school policy committee to kind of review that and see if we can we still keep

1:33:42.180,1:33:52.440

that close and back to this motion um oh another things I I think I need to explain this is uh this

1:33:52.440,1:33:58.500

is final action when you say final action in Open Door laws that means the votings so we are voting

1:33:58.500,1:34:03.600
for the agenda we're voting for the meeting
minutes so that's I think the public comment

1:34:03.600,1:34:12.060
should be for that and the benefit as I said the
ways we uh if we do this we will fully comply with

1:34:12.060,1:34:23.340
our IC Code I see Indiana code another which is
a bigger benefit our school board is uh we want

1:34:23.340,1:34:29.340
um we saw our community so we saw our school
students our communities we want to listen to

1:34:29.340,1:34:34.620
them first and see what their uh what they what
their concerns what they want to share with us

1:34:34.620,1:34:42.720
and then we can start our work so that's uh
two Russians behind this motion thank you

1:34:44.760,1:34:50.340
um Mrs Austin I would like to move the item
to committee I think it would be appropriate

1:34:50.340,1:34:55.080
to send this to the policy committee and for
the policy committee to review our policies

1:34:55.080,1:35:01.680
and bring before the board revised policies
that are in line with the code and then also

1:35:01.680,1:35:05.580
an example of what the agenda would look like
if it were changed and then we can vote on it

1:35:05.580,1:35:11.520
all at once rather than moving things around and
striking words and being confusing so I would like

1:35:11.520,1:35:19.680
to move to committee and I need a second I'll set
that cool second from Mr Marley okay um I believe

1:35:19.680,1:35:25.560
it is appropriate to move it to committee um I
have no idea what Robert says to do about this

1:35:27.180,1:35:29.100
am I supposed to take a vote here anybody know

1:35:29.760,1:35:40.320

and then we go backwards in order through okay so
uh what so the question what we're talking about

1:35:40.320,1:35:44.520

is what the next course of action so I've got
a couple of choices here I can put it out there

1:35:44.520,1:35:51.000

and have everyone vote on your motion number
one and your motion number two and then uh and

1:35:51.000,1:35:55.860

then also what Mrs Austin has requested that
we just refer it to committee the problem is

1:35:56.520,1:36:00.240

um Mr Wong I want to make sure I think you've made
some good points here tonight I want to make sure

1:36:00.240,1:36:05.940

that it is discussed fully and is in line with our
policy if we vote on it it is not passed then it

1:36:05.940,1:36:12.720

isn't something you can bring up again and so I'm
trying to make sure that it gets its day if and I

1:36:12.720,1:36:17.280

don't know if today is the day and I have no idea
what Robert says about that so that's where we are

1:36:18.660,1:36:26.700

question regarding uh uh Mr Austin's suggestions
move to refer to the community what that means

1:36:27.360,1:36:35.280

that means that it pretty much what you just said
that the whole uh where in the agenda should so

1:36:35.280,1:36:40.080

both motions you've made where in the agenda
should the public comment period be and what

1:36:40.080,1:36:46.440

should the public comment period be in terms of
current agenda item or or non-agenda item all of

1:36:46.440,1:36:51.120

that will go to policy committee and policy
will get together and prepare for the board

1:36:51.120,1:36:56.580

any policy changes that might need to be made as well as a sample agenda for everyone to review

1:36:57.180,1:37:03.360

so it's just basically doing a little homework and then bringing it back again in August um do

1:37:03.360,1:37:10.380

you want to ask the legal counsel yes we would definitely go and ask legal counsel for advice

1:37:10.380,1:37:19.080

on that as well as perhaps training on Robert's Rules uh do you have a comment now I wonder if

1:37:22.320,1:37:27.600

yeah if that's the case probably we can forward this to our school College Community so and then

1:37:27.600,1:37:32.640

probably I will withdraw my uh my uh my emotions because I won't go through these

1:37:32.640,1:37:39.960

procedures if we already have it so so did that make sense yeah that does well done sir okay okay

1:37:41.040,1:37:45.600

so if you will you're going to withdraw those we will refer these to policy committee this will be

1:37:45.600,1:37:52.860

old business when we come back and discuss it in our next meeting thank you and we will also work

1:37:52.860,1:37:59.280

closely with legal counsel to get a good answer on that great thank you thank you so much okay um

1:37:59.280,1:38:06.600

so now we're going to move on uh to public comment no we're still not there I'm confused because the

1:38:06.600,1:38:11.700

agenda item says public comments this is where I'm struggle busting today uh we are going to

1:38:11.700,1:38:19.020

move on to uh information to the board uh I have one piece of information to share with the board

1:38:21.840,1:38:31.440

uh Mr Wong pointed out to me that in the June meeting when I offered a comparison text based

1:38:31.440,1:38:39.900

on the transcript that um he did indeed say some things that I did not read that he said

1:38:39.900,1:38:46.620

in the transcript so for clarification item one that of his statement were said at six

1:38:46.620,1:38:54.180

minutes and 31 seconds and 6 52. um words were not exactly what I said in the meeting but the

1:38:54.180,1:39:00.000

immediate context subject uh at that moment for readability of minutes item two was at

1:39:00.000,1:39:11.580

49.40 through 108.05 and item three was at 108 40 through 109 40. um as Mr Wong has so appropriately

1:39:12.780,1:39:16.560

um pointed out to us that the live stream recording of our meetings is the most

1:39:16.560,1:39:22.500

accurate and complete record of our meetings it is publicly publicly available online the

1:39:22.500,1:39:28.740

transcript obviously did not capture his words and I did not cross-check with the transcript or with

1:39:28.740,1:39:34.920

the transcript to the recorded video as you know our meetings have been quite long so uh Mr Wong

1:39:34.920,1:39:40.620

graciously corrected my error and if anyone would like to reference those now that is on our live

1:39:40.620,1:39:45.780

stream so you have the ability to do so Mr Wong did my description of that meet your expectation

1:39:45.780,1:39:52.020

that's right thank you appreciate thank you for your clarification absolutely clarify that um

1:39:52.020,1:39:58.200

I do not have any other information to the board at this time let's go ahead please with board and

1:39:58.200,1:40:04.020

superintendent reports Dr Greiner would you care to go first tonight I'd be happy to do that and

1:40:04.020,1:40:09.000

I just will keep it short and sweet because we're focusing heavily right now on our referendum and

1:40:09.000,1:40:12.660

so I just wanted to let you know that since our work session we've had a few questions related

1:40:12.660,1:40:18.240

to the referendum from staff and community members we appreciate questions always and we

1:40:18.240,1:40:24.240

plan to respond to those but we're also going to work very closely with David PR so that they can

1:40:24.240,1:40:31.320

get that posted on as we develop that referendum website component and then we can also make sure

1:40:31.320,1:40:36.240

that we respond directly to individuals so I just wanted to point that out thank you you're welcome

1:40:38.220,1:40:43.740

um I have one uh report that I will give on committee reports on behalf

1:40:43.740,1:40:49.680

of Dr Yin she's traveling and I attended the parks and rec meeting on her behalf

1:40:50.340,1:40:55.260

so just a few updates from there summer camps at Park and Rec have been going extremely well they

1:40:55.260,1:41:00.360

have about 120 children through they're building on a daily basis and very successful program

1:41:00.360,1:41:06.300

the after school program registration you'll be interested to know it filled in two days

1:41:06.840,1:41:11.820

so it definitely indicated a need for that program in our community the city is still

1:41:11.820,1:41:18.660

in search of a single bus driver to run the routes on those and they asked that I pass

1:41:18.660,1:41:25.260
along their gratitude the collaboration has been
exceptional with Dr Greiner in our central office

1:41:25.260,1:41:31.380
staff we have been wonderful to work with as
has the city and then finally they are excited

1:41:31.380,1:41:36.420
to announce that the case in family park was
finally approved if you missed that in the news

1:41:36.420,1:41:44.400
and I suspect that Mr Marley will discuss
that in his RDC report I'm sorry I'm sorry

1:41:47.760,1:41:57.360
um and then finally they asked us to help spread
the word that the Lily Nature Center has been very

1:41:57.360,1:42:01.140
very active this summer they are grateful
for the community volunteers for supporting

1:42:01.140,1:42:06.900
the work of the nature center and the celery bog
and the celery bog is anticipated to continue to

1:42:06.900,1:42:13.620
be open and a valuable resource to the community
so we'll move on then to uh the community report

1:42:15.060,1:42:21.480
from the Education Foundation lots of exciting
stuff going on the classes of 1978 1983 are

1:42:21.480,1:42:27.060
holding reunions this month both classes will be
touring the Junior Senior High School I believe

1:42:27.060,1:42:33.120
this was mentioned last month but I'll repeat it
homecoming will be Friday September 15th it'll be

1:42:33.120,1:42:38.460
an all on my tailgate after the parade and prior
to the football game and if you had not heard

1:42:38.460,1:42:42.960
the football program was celebrating its 100th
anniversary 100th year of West Lafayette football

1:42:42.960,1:42:48.780

several groups will be honored as part of that Milestone including championship teams and former

1:42:48.780,1:42:54.360

cheerleaders The Devil's Advocate newsletter is it the printer and will be mailed very soon actually

1:42:54.360,1:43:01.140

my mailbox is yet this week and uh when the alert executive director will be working with two more

1:43:01.140,1:43:05.340

classes on creating new scholarships for our students and now both of these

1:43:06.840,1:43:11.760

requests to create these scholarships grew out of their reunions so again great stuff going on with

1:43:11.760,1:43:19.980

the foundation thank you Mr shot um Dr Yuna is not here for the curriculum report Mrs Roth is

1:43:19.980,1:43:25.380

there anything that you would like to report related to curriculum no okay we finished our

1:43:25.380,1:43:29.460

meeting in June and then we'll start back up to meet again with the new school year thank

1:43:29.460,1:43:36.000

you very much all right the finance external Mr Marley okay here we go uh first of all road

1:43:36.000,1:43:43.320

updates uh Jaeger roads must be finished time for school Lindbergh road is going to be done in time

1:43:43.320,1:43:50.820

for school and so was Grant Street so that's big news um Rachel stole part of the fender

1:43:50.820,1:43:59.520

here Payson Family Park out there on Cumberland Avenue uh is going to be huge Trails a nice size

1:43:59.520,1:44:09.000

Lake uh kayaking paddle boats you name it uh it's going to be a great recreational area uh we had

1:44:10.020,1:44:15.600

construction schedule it's about 21 months that's what they're telling me whether cooperating will

1:44:15.600,1:44:22.080

be done so go out there enjoy case in part when
it's done one last thing opening request for

1:44:22.080,1:44:27.360

statement of qualification for our Public
Safety Center architecture and engineering

1:44:28.200,1:44:34.560

we had no less than 13 offers of qualifications
for that so a lot of competition for Designing

1:44:34.560,1:44:40.140

our new Public Safety buildings we're on that
later stay tuned that's it thank you very much

1:44:40.140,1:44:48.480

uh moving on to finance internal Mr Wong yes
regarding the phone I don't have too much update

1:44:48.480,1:44:55.380

but I do have some conversations with Michelle
so we get a lot of clarifications regarding the

1:44:55.380,1:45:01.500

financial issues surrounding this referendum
so thank you for you for the informations I

1:45:01.500,1:45:11.100

really appreciate that and and also today I was
really moved because our community there's a

1:45:11.100,1:45:18.960

lot of support from referendums so I think we
have very good communities and uh from from my

1:45:19.800,1:45:26.820

another some other reporting is about my trainings
so last month I finished the new board on board

1:45:26.820,1:45:34.680

trainings so that's about one outside training and
four I think for online trainings so last month's

1:45:34.680,1:45:40.980

the last time of trainings so the whole training
series very good for me to learn how school board

1:45:40.980,1:45:48.840

works so that's make a lot of help for me so I can
so I'll scoop our server community in a better way

1:45:48.840,1:45:57.600

and another training seminar I also joined ice
regarding the school rsba's seminar it's called

1:45:57.600,1:46:06.540

the school budgeting and the finance seminar and
there's some key key informations uh shared in

1:46:06.540,1:46:15.360

that seminar for example that's the Larry DeBarge
shared the whole coming economy situations in the

1:46:15.360,1:46:24.480

U.S and in our state and there's some regarding
the the revenues from schools and we also have

1:46:24.480,1:46:34.020

we have one senator of Indiana Senator and the
one um representative they share their opinions

1:46:34.020,1:46:42.180

regarding educations about how to distribute
the fund Charter Schools private schools that

1:46:42.180,1:46:52.500

kind of thing so that's pretty good information
sharings and I also uh have the isba they also

1:46:52.500,1:47:01.980

have update about a single 11 Financial related
new uh legislations so I just think that's very

1:47:01.980,1:47:09.180

informative and also it's very helpful for
us and the last one there's kind of panels

1:47:09.180,1:47:15.900

the superintendent uh cyber superintendent join
the panels and they share what make them wake up

1:47:15.900,1:47:23.940

in the midnight and the most things I I heard
is they say regarding the curricular materials

1:47:23.940,1:47:33.060

cost and at the state basically they don't want
the school charger anything for the textbook to

1:47:33.060,1:47:40.320

the students but the founder from state is not
enough to cover the cost so I think that that's

1:47:40.320,1:47:48.060

another reason we really need this referendum so
that's overall that's a pretty good uh training so

1:47:48.060,1:47:55.740

how totally 270 people showing that meeting and very helpful so that's all my report thank you

1:47:56.340,1:48:04.440

don't we um we'll move on to internal systems uh Mrs Mumford do you have a report tonight

1:48:05.040,1:48:07.320

um the Committees that I'm on did not meet in the last month so

1:48:08.220,1:48:13.440

thank you legislative and policy Mrs Austin I'm in this same position but since it's my

1:48:13.440,1:48:18.900

turn I'd like to thank Dr Ian for making the effort to be here from the other side of the

1:48:18.900,1:48:24.540

planet I had a hard enough time with technology from Wisconsin so I'm very impressed with your

1:48:24.540,1:48:32.280

commitment and I appreciate you being here tonight thank you I agree with that as well Dr Yin um

1:48:34.800,1:48:41.220

okay there's one other thing I'm but we're going to get to communication from the audience uh first

1:48:41.220,1:48:46.020

and then I'll follow up with Mrs Cronk we have two people who have signed up finally I'm sorry

1:48:47.160,1:48:50.940

um to speak on non-agenda items three people four people

1:48:52.620,1:48:56.700

sorry different notations here first is Gail Charlotte that much I'm clear on

1:49:01.800,1:49:06.360

not really there's a lot of different notes on this piece of paper here I'm looking at

1:49:07.140,1:49:14.700

please go ahead Miss Charlotte okay uh again I am respectful of your time so I will be three

1:49:14.700,1:49:20.640

minutes brief I'm Gail Charlotte I'm a citizen of West Lafayette I've reviewed the video the past

1:49:20.640,1:49:27.060

six meetings and the opinion pieces of one board member prior to coming to the meeting tonight as

1:49:27.060,1:49:32.700

I said before I've served on this board as such I can I feel I can provide some helpful suggestions

1:49:32.700,1:49:39.540

to all board members number one you were you were one of seven people on this board you are

1:49:39.540,1:49:46.560

not views viewed as individuals by the taxpayers the public sees you as the board if you succeed

1:49:46.560,1:49:53.040

or fail it's because all seven members have worked together respect your leadership Leave

1:49:53.040,1:49:58.440

Your Personal Agenda at the door the people outside of this room will respect you more for

1:49:58.440,1:50:04.560

it if they see you putting kids first number two the board agenda needs to be set before the board

1:50:04.560,1:50:10.200

meeting if any one board member wants to add an agenda item they need to do so before the meeting

1:50:10.200,1:50:16.560

using precious time during a meeting to argue for adding a late item is not productive or helpful

1:50:16.560,1:50:22.200

number three if you have questions about an agenda item especially one that deals with an individual

1:50:23.040,1:50:29.160

please ask questions about it before the meeting I love that you're having work sessions I personally

1:50:29.160,1:50:34.860

found the way some of you dealt with the reappointment of Anastasia credulous to

1:50:34.860,1:50:43.080

the West Lafayette Library board offensive and unnecessarily demeaning to her do better number

1:50:43.080,1:50:48.960
four encourage citizens to contact all board
members and the superintendent with their concerns

1:50:48.960,1:50:54.840
provide them with email addresses but please
when answering a citizen and I do expect you

1:50:54.840,1:51:01.500
to respond to Citizen queries CC other board
members so you all know how other people are

1:51:01.500,1:51:10.500
responding any official board response comes from
the president number five I spent at least the

1:51:10.500,1:51:15.900
first year of my time on the board listening and
learning I did not try to immediately become an

1:51:15.900,1:51:21.480
officer on the board nor did I write anything
to share publicly about my time on the board

1:51:21.480,1:51:26.940
because I knew there were limits to my knowledge
and I was afraid of getting something wrong

1:51:27.900,1:51:34.740
realize that what you might have thought prior
to coming on the board might actually be wrong um

1:51:34.740,1:51:41.280
learn and be better number six people have trouble
Discerning what is an actual effect when it comes

1:51:41.280,1:51:47.880
from a public official okay um the past has passed
that's number seven this new superintendent is

1:51:47.880,1:51:53.880
just that he's new anything that happened before
him has no bearing on what Mr Griner is doing in

1:51:53.880,1:51:59.280
achieving bringing up past administrations over
and over is tiresome and unproductive number

1:51:59.280,1:52:05.520
eight finally do not have a website dedicated to
your opinions about this board and the work they

1:52:05.520,1:52:13.800

do again you're one of seven your board your job
to taxpayers is to function as a board you are

1:52:13.800,1:52:21.240

all doing the very best you know how and you
are all doing this thankless job because you

1:52:21.240,1:52:27.000

care about every child be supportive of each
other and choose kindness thank you thank you

1:52:28.680,1:52:34.140

a little The Crickets aren't bad okay Mr caller
I'm not clear if you also want to speak now

1:52:35.460,1:52:42.180

thank you moving on to Laura Marie
Williams but I believe I saw her leave

1:52:43.080,1:52:47.520

okay uh and so then the
last is uh Daniel Troy James

1:52:55.080,1:52:59.880

well thank you very uh very much everybody it's
a pleasure to be here the privilege in fact uh

1:52:59.880,1:53:06.120

I'm Daniel James a West Lafayette alumnus
class of 2016. uh I remember very fondly my

1:53:06.120,1:53:10.200

education here and the principles in which it
instilled in me which had led me to my current

1:53:10.200,1:53:16.860

you know career profession law studying law um
I recall being taught in those classes that the

1:53:16.860,1:53:20.880

foundation of good governance particularly
the American system is free and open debate

1:53:20.880,1:53:25.740

among the people particularly speech uh that's a
pretty foundational lesson I care about it a lot

1:53:26.400,1:53:30.060

I'd like to say on the outset that
I'm very thankful for the collegial

1:53:30.060,1:53:33.120

Collegiate and civil Spirit that's prevailed
at this meeting particularly on the board

1:53:34.440,1:53:39.900

um and I support the referendum process but I regret to say that I see the referendum being

1:53:39.900,1:53:46.140

pressed into the service of a Unity or at least to Mark call for Unity as anything but

1:53:48.480,1:53:54.780

at this past work session I didn't really plan to talk today but at this last work session I

1:53:54.780,1:53:58.860

saw I saw a display that was frankly repulsive to my Democratic instincts

1:54:00.240,1:54:07.500

um on several occasions councilmember Mumford was called out on the floor simply for publishing

1:54:07.500,1:54:13.260

opinions that are not signed and stamped by the collective body on one occasion Miss Whit referred

1:54:13.260,1:54:17.400

remarked that she would refer to the summaries to stop this Austin at one point remarked their

1:54:17.400,1:54:21.540

misinformation Mr Marley at another Point accused her of writing before she had gotten the opinions

1:54:21.540,1:54:25.860

of everyone in the room and to such you hold such opinions I would simply state that you have the

1:54:25.860,1:54:30.540

same Pulpit as she does and are free to counter speech you just disapprove of with more speech

1:54:31.320,1:54:35.400

when I learned here that was what I was that was what I was taught was the American way I

1:54:35.400,1:54:40.200

would like to ask if I was miseducated or if the highest people in Authority in this District don't

1:54:40.200,1:54:46.020

actually believe what their teachers taught me now for one I find the summaries to be useful

1:54:46.020,1:54:51.120

I find them to be enlightening elucidations of a process that is generally and unfortunately opaque

1:54:51.120,1:54:57.000

sometimes by necessity sometimes not they teach me things I otherwise would not have known including

1:54:58.440,1:55:02.400

the difficulties carrying out the promises the last referendum the disputes surrounding them

1:55:02.940,1:55:06.960

and the disputes regarding electoral laws and funding in this particular District

1:55:07.920,1:55:12.900

I wouldn't have known about that I'm grateful that I do I think these summaries such as they

1:55:12.900,1:55:19.560

are are in fact exemplary modes of communication from elected office holders to the citizens who

1:55:19.560,1:55:24.180

voted for them as contrary to some opinions individuals you are elected as individuals

1:55:24.180,1:55:26.880

that you work as a body just like any other deliberative body in an American Republic

1:55:28.020,1:55:32.040

and individual opinions especially those of usholders deserve to be heard and deserve to

1:55:32.040,1:55:37.560

be considered as iron sharpens iron in a way it's coming into truth and the idea of what's the right

1:55:37.560,1:55:44.940

thing to do Unity is a powerful virtue so is truth so is honesty and so is open deliberation and they

1:55:44.940,1:55:51.300

should not be cast aside for pragmatic political purposes I have little else to say on the matter I

1:55:51.300,1:55:54.660

would simply ask that you said a good example for me and for all those you educate or have educated

1:55:54.660,1:56:06.480

in the past thank you thank you moving on to Future meetings and this is my question to you Mrs

1:56:06.480,1:56:11.520

Cronk given what we just approved the very next meeting that we would have would be in addition to

1:56:11.520,1:56:19.200

our agenda here it is for August 11th work session the 2023 budget Workshop 728 a.m is that correct

1:56:25.140,1:56:36.420

I'm looking at the agenda or at the meeting schedule and I was like sure okay yes correct

1:56:37.860,1:56:43.020

thank you I didn't want to announce a meeting uh that we may not have so we may uh need to

1:56:43.020,1:56:48.360

have a work session for Friday the August 11th uh seven from seven to eight a.m but that is

1:56:48.360,1:56:52.740

not scheduled at this time the next scheduled meeting is the regular board meeting scheduled

1:56:52.740,1:56:58.680

for Monday August the 14th at 6 00 PM remember we've changed our meeting time to 6 p.m here

1:56:58.680,1:57:05.820

in the Happy Hollow LGI room um upcoming dates of Interest Tuesday August the 8th

1:57:06.420,1:57:10.560

no teachers May yell at me for this is the professional day welcome back to staff

1:57:12.120,1:57:16.800

um and Wednesday August the 9th is the first day of school for our students

1:57:18.240,1:57:22.380

um just as information where the public board documents will be posted on the wlsc website as

1:57:22.380,1:57:26.520

early as Friday afternoon and do not end no later than on noon Monday prior to the board meeting

1:57:26.520,1:57:33.780

documents are available on the wlsc website and then information about that is uh available on

1:57:33.780,1:57:38.520

the agenda video audio and transcription will be available on the wlsc website within seven

1:57:38.520,1:57:44.040

to ten days following the board meeting as a reminder the transcript of the meeting is a

1:57:44.040,1:57:49.440

non-edited electronic transcription generated by YouTube from the live stream of the meeting these

1:57:49.440,1:57:53.040

have not been reviewed or edited for accuracy and should not be considered official minutes

1:57:53.040,1:57:59.520

of the meeting type of typographical errors and Emissions just as we discussed tonight should be

1:57:59.520,1:58:08.340

expected with that I would like to make a motion for adjournment uh motion by Mr Wong second by Mr

1:58:08.340,1:58:13.020

Marley all is in favor of adjourning our meeting tonight that motion carries we are adjourned