

## **Raymond Central Public Schools Board of Education Workshop**

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 5:00 PM Central

Jr/Sr High School Mustang Classroom

1800 West Agnew Road

Raymond, NE 68428-9783

**Present:** Matt Blanchard, Brad Breitzkreutz, Cathy Burklund, Bill Lange, Lori Springer, **Absent:** Dr. Harriet Gould. Also attending was Dr. Derrick Joel, Superintendent.

### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Breitzkreutz called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

### Motion to Excuse Board Member's Absence

Motion by Lange, second by Blanchard to excuse the absence of Dr. Harriet Gould. RCV 5-0. Motion carried.

### Open Meeting Law

The audience was reminded that the Open Meeting Laws would be followed.

### Discussion Items

#### Discuss Raymond Central's Feasibility Study to Determine Next Steps

Discussion was held regarding the Feasibility Study by Matt Fisher and Carl Dietz from First National Capital Markets that was presented to the Board on January 12. We are in the beginning stages of gathering information to be used in determining the most efficient operational structure for Raymond Central and have not made any decisions at this point.

- First and foremost, we must always remember we are here to do what is best for all of our students.
- Raymond Central already is a consolidated school district.
- In comparison to other Class C-1 schools, our total levy is high.
- Raymond Central is 80% reliant on local property taxes and valuation is the driving force to generate dollars.
- Per pupil expenses are much larger than the state average.
- Staffing is difficult at the elementary level when we have a lot of variation in class sizes.
- Numbers could change even more with the Ceresco subdivision.
- It would be beneficial to see more actual transportation numbers.
- We need to hear from our stakeholders; conduct a market research to see what people want; give people data so they can make a decision.
- We also need to share what has been done and what needs to be done with existing buildings.
- We have to make long-term plans for our facilities - this will be the most important decision this Board will make for the future of Raymond Central.

The Feasibility Study contains a lot of data which needs to be refined. Dr. Joel will create an outline and schedule a Facilities Committee meeting prior to the next School Board meeting.

## Adjournment

Motion by Breitreutz, second by Blanchard to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 PM. RCV 5-0. Motion carried.