Thornton School Board
Monday, November 25, 2019
Official Minutes

School Board members present: Barry VanDeMoere, Greg Campbell, Joanne Marcotte, Mark Fischler & Diana Daigle

Administration present: SAU 48 Superintendent Mark Halloran
                        Assistant Superintendent Pam Martin
                        Principal Jonathan Bownes

Public present: Eileen Woolfenden, Chris Wilkie, Beth Wilkie,
                   Nina Sargent, Joyce Jardin, Tom Jardin, Bill DeLeo,
                   Steve Medaglia, Alfred Lewis, John Francis, Amy Ulrickson & Peter Stewart

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm

Agenda Review and Disposition - None

Minutes of October 28, 2019
On a motion by Greg Campbell, seconded by Mark Fischler, the Board voted to accept the October 28, 2019 minutes as written.

Principal's Report:

1. The Thanksgiving Senior Dinner was held on November 21st, there were 16 dinners given.
2. Parent/Teacher Conferences were held throughout October and November.
3. Primary Election was confirmed today to be held on Tuesday, February 11th.
4. PSAT – Was given on November 6th, This is a great practice for the 8th graders and helps to place them in high school classes.
5. Basketball practices have started, the 1st game for 7/8th is on December 3rd and 5/6th is on December 4th.
6. Winter Concert will be Thursday, December 12th at 6:30pm
7. There will be a Senior Luncheon just before the rehearsal on Thursday, December 12th at 12:45pm
8. Thanksgiving Baskets – With the generosity of those within the community, the Elks, the SAU#48, the Thanksgiving Raffle, many turkey baskets were given to families in the community.

Privilege of the Floor #1 – None

Discussion Items:

A. Building Project Update – Jon Francis
   a. Pricing – Jon Francis presented the Conceptual Estimates. There was a lengthy discussion about the proposed building and its costs. Jon Francis and the Board answered numerous questions about the proposed improvements of the building.
i. The size of the library for patrons and students and safety concerns.
ii. The multipurpose room used for Physical Education and then for lunch for the students.
iii. What the disruption would be to the students during the build.
iv. The 10 Year CIP that would address many of the projects in an addition.
v. This project was a result of Board meetings with the community asking to look into a larger building that would meet community needs.
vi. The Bond to fund the project would be a 20yr at 3% or 25yr at 3.5%.
vii. An expansion may increase maintenance staff by a part-time position, that wouldn't be decided until the need arose.
viii. Utilities may stay the same and not increase due to upgrades in the electricity, HVAC and the boiler system.
ix. How to get correct/actual information out to the community so residents can make an informed decision.

b. The consensus of those the Board, those who spoke, would be to hold off presenting the proposed addition until next year as the tax assessments and tax bills have just been released and they need more time to get the information out to the community.

c. Building Aid Application Time Lines

d. The Conceptual, Needs of the Community, 10Yr Capital Improvement Plan, Conceptual Estimate, 2019 Enrollment Projection, and the Thornton Growth Dynamics 2006 can all be found on the TCS Website: WWW.tcs.sau48.org

B. FY21 Draft Budget – Mark Halloran and Jon Bownes went over the proposed FY21 Budget Draft #2 Overview Key Accounts and some of differences in the accounts.

C. Next Meeting December 16, 2019

D. Other Business – None

Recognition and Awards:

Mr. Bownes recognized Lynne Campbell for her help with the Thanksgiving Baskets and to Danielle Morse for her help with the Thanksgiving Baskets and organizing the Holiday Shopping.

Privilege of the Floor #2 - none

Nonpublic Session
On a motion by Joanne Marcotte and seconded by Greg Campbell, the Board voted unanimously in favor to enter non-public session.

The Board entered non-public at 7:09pm.
On a motion by Greg Campbell, seconded by Joanne Marcotte, the Board voted unanimously in favor to enter public session.

The Board entered public session at 7:39pm

On a motion by Mark Fischler and seconded by Joanne Marcotte, the Board voted unanimously in favor to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Campbell
Board Secretary

**Future Meetings: 12/16, 1/27**