COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 218
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
March 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

PRESENT:  Tom Kosowski, Vice-President
Karen Burmeister, Secretary
Randy Heuser (arrived 3:40 p.m.)
Johnny Holmes
Larry Harris

Dr. John Byrne, Superintendent
John Hallberg, HLR Principal
Rodger Ford, ABS Building Engineer
Mrs. Lisa Krueger, Operations/Maintenance
Mrs. Karen Hill, Secretary to the Board

Lou Noto, DLA Architects
Jose Pareja, DLA Architects

REMODELING/PROJECT UPDATE
Mr. Harris communicated the purpose of this meeting is to review the upcoming construction projects and get further clarification. The DLA architects provided a handout about the Richards High School Performing Arts Center and Remodeling Project. Discussion continued among the Board members and others in attendance concerning this project. DLA went into more specifics concerning the layout and timeframe.

Dr. Byrne gave an in-depth description of certain sections of the remodel.

The Board has concerns that the additions may not be warranted and how will student test scores increase. Dr. Byrne responded that there may not be specific correlations for the remodel and test scores, however these improvements will be able to provide students with skills and certifications in different areas of study.

The Board would like the renovations to serve as multi-use and allow feeder schools and community groups to benefit from these improvements as well.

It is recommended the Board should take a tour of Richards High School to visually understand these pending renovations and improvements.

The Board suggests the budget direction from Springfield should be considered before a final vote is taken. DLA noted to monitor the expenses and budget the district has the ability to pick and choose different phases to focus on as the project moves along during the 3-5 year plan.
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No motion was made to go into Closed Session.

At 5:10 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education