

ENO General Membership Meeting Minutes March 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Nancy Mahlow.

Presentation: Amy from the Christman Company and Peter Spadafore, president of the Lansing school board- They are here discussing the Lansing Pathway Promise bond proposal on May 3rd. Mr. Spadafore started by letting us know that it is more than just a bond. They have developed a concise education plan and repairing buildings are included in this plan. The superintendent has built a plan that will make each student college and career ready. There are 3 academic paths. Each path leads to a high school with specific focuses. Eastern is IB/Chinese./Bio Tech/Comprehensive, Everett will be New Tech/ Visual Performing Arts/Comprehensive, Sexton is STEM/STEAM/Spanish/Skilled Trades/Manufacturing/Comprehensive There was a comment and question made about looking at the staffing at each building and do we have the right people teaching the correct classes as in what their majors were. Yes they have looked at every piece of it to develop this. If it passes it would be a 6 year process to complete everything but have shovels in the ground with in a year. Parents can change their child's path at any point. No final decisions are made at the beginning of their schooling. Can the student choose a path without parents and do the staff speak to the students about it one on one? The school district will work with the students and parents. Pre k-3 buildings have more general education. 4-6 buildings are where they start getting into more details on the students interests and choices. Special needs classes will be offered at all levels and at all schools/programs. We discussed the building on of a new Eastern at the current Pattengill and what will happen at it. There was a question about some details at Pattengill (ex: staircase) A suggestion was made to engage the PTSA groups. They have gone thru all the buildings with the Christman Company, the project managers. There was discussion about some of the details at some of the buildings. Also discussion on the different teaching styles now than in the past. The total is 120 million. There was a sinking fund of 1.5 mils for 5 years. They are going to let the sinking fund expire and go for 2.25 mils. We have the lowest property tax millage in Ingham county. If it does not pass what will happen was asked. The school district will go back and look into something else. A question was asked about the vocational tech programs by bringing some of them back and maybe using LCC more. There was a suggestion for keeping field house and let the families know. The field house is staying it was not sold with the Eastern Building.

ENO Board Election- The slate of candidates was presented. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the next meeting as well. Election is at the April meeting.

Eastern High school is in need of warm clothes and coats for students. Please contact the school for details or let Nancy know and she will ask for you.

Bea Christy Award dinner is Friday March 11th \$10 tickets Nancy has them tonight or they are available at the door at Pattengill

Spring Souper- It is March 12th 4-6:30 at Pattengill. Please attend and bring friends. We

have some great raffle and silent items including a hotel stay, Common ground passes, and great gift baskets for Eastwood and Old Town businesses. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for 14 and under and \$18 for families of 4 or more. We have celebrity servers as well.

BWL-Dennis Louney - They want to use capital funds instead of raising rates to build the new substation. They want to build it at the current Scott Center. The gardens will be moved and transplanted. They have met with various groups and toured the area. This will help to distribute power after Eckert goes off line. The citizen advisory board will be the ones to make the suggestion on where to make or get the power from after Eckert is off line. The substation will cost \$26 million to build above ground, if built underground it was be an additional \$4 million.

Dennis Louney-showed a picture of what Ranney park may look like with the work that the Drain commissioner Pat Lindemann will be doing repairing the Montgomery Drain. They may start work as early as April if he gets all the approvals he needs hopefully in March.

Feb Minutes- A motion to approve the minutes made by Rock 2nd Maggie It passed.

Motion to close meeting by Rock 2nd by Maggie It passed.

The meeting was closed at 8:46pm

Respectfully submitted by
Denise Kelley
ENO Secretary