

**DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
**Dolgeville, NY 13329**

**Approved 1-16-2024**

December 19, 2023

Special Meeting  
BOE Workshop

James A. Green School

**PRESENT:**  
S. Hongo, President  
J. Williams, VP  
J. Schmid  
C. Williams  
J. IZZO - (Entered 5:09 pm)  
T. Rutkowski  
J. Fredericks

**ABSENT:**  
None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
J. Gilfus

**PRESIDING OFFICER:**  
Scott Hongo, President

The special meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. high school library.

Call to Order

President, Scott Hongo, asked everyone to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge to  
the Flag

**WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS NEW CAPITAL PROJECT**

Mr. Gilfus began the workshop by informing the board that there is \$3,000,000. in the Capital Reserve fund, largely due to COVID-19 pandemic grant money. Mr. Gilfus is proposing that the district take up another capital project utilizing this grant money, (**with no tax impact to our taxpayers**), and include a proposition on the ballot for public vote at the May 21<sup>st</sup> budget vote/board election.

**Discussion:**

Instead of another project, can the district use this money to offset the amount the taxpayers need to pay for the current \$15,800,000. capital project?

No. That project was already approved by public vote.

Can the district use this money to pay for the alternates on the \$15,800,000 project?

Yes. Mr. Gilfus referred to the attached sheet outlining proposed expenditures for the current capital project and for the proposed new capital project.

**Ms. Izzo entered the meeting at 5:09 p.m.**

Can the district use this money to generate income? Example – Install solar panels – use this money to make money.

No. Doing that would have a direct impact on our state aid formula and on our future state aid payments

Mr. Gilfus and the Board reviewed the list of items which need to be addressed, noting the items of highest importance. In addition, the following items were also suggested:

Update the sound system in the gym - replacing the current “cart system”

Update sound system in the auditorium

Add a bathroom for PreK classroom

Update the fire alarm system in order to identify the building location in the event of a fire

Find a solution for proper radio communication between the school and police department

Add film for glass at the entrance ways

Review bus garage mechanic area needs

The district will begin the process of presenting a new capital project which will have no tax impact on our taxpayers, utilizing the current funds in the Capital Reserve.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. C. Williams, second Mr. Schmid, to adjourn at 5:54 p.m.

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

*Sandra L. Allen*

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District Clerk