

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Waterville-Elysian-Morristown School Board Minutes Special Meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2024

The WEM Board of Education met in a special session on November 12, 2024. Board Chairman Gary Micheal called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Board members: Michael, June Rezac, Jeff Stangler, Brenda Heuss, Troy Tolzman, Jocelyn Brown, Jon Bakken (arrival 6:36 pm), and Jay Schneider (arrival 7:04 pm) Also, in attendance, Superintendent John Regan, Principals Jennifer Wilson and Miles Knutson.

Motion by Stangler, second by Heuss to approve the agenda as written. Motion passes 5-0

Information/Discussion:

ICS presented a timeline of the next steps in the Indoor Air Quality Project. Stated that construction documents should be ready by November 22, 2024. Construction documents will be reviewed to ensure the following: refine the design to ensure budget alignment, review the final design to ensure expectations are met, coordinate all aspects of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing, the final selection of lighting and plumbing fixtures, finish specifications, and develop the final plans and all details needed for bidding and construction. Pre-bid walk-thru would take place by December 3, 2024. Bid opening by December 19, 2024 board meeting. Currently, the project is running over budget (\$312,677.39). ICS feels during the review of the construction documents phase, they will be able to tighten that up through a design review for Phase 1. Phase 1 construction would begin Summer of 2025.

Discussed the following policies: 301 Superintendent Job Description, 301A School District Administration, 342 Superintendent, 343 Superintendent Selection, 344 Superintendent Contract, Duties, and Evaluation 345 Policy Implementation

The board recommendation was to rescind Policy 301 and attach it as an appendix to Policy 342. The board will determine, at a later date, if the full board will review and revise Appendix 301 or if it will be sent to the policy committee for review. A vote to complete the recommendation would take place at the next regular meeting.

Organizational Meeting will take place on January 6, 2025, at 6:30 pm, in the boardroom. Regan inquired who would be attending the MSBA conference held on January 16-17, 2025. Members responded with their intentions to attend or not.

Action:

Motion by Schneider, second by Heuss to approve the resolution canvassing returns of votes for the November 5, 2024 School Board General Election. Roll Call Vote: Bakken, Jon; Yes Heuss, Brenda: Yes Michael, Gary: Yes Rezac, June: Yes Schneider, Jay: Yes Stangler, Jeff: Yes Tolzman, Troy: Yes. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Bakken, second by Tolzman to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of certificates of election and directing the school district clerk to perform other election-related duties including: abstract and return of votes cast, Clerk's certificate to abstract and return of votes, and certificate of election. Roll Call Vote: Bakken, Jon; Yes Heuss, Brenda: Yes Michael, Gary: Yes Rezac, June: Yes Schneider, Jay: Yes Stangler, Jeff: Yes Tolzman, Troy: Yes. Motion passes 7-0.

Facilities:

WEM Superintendent John Regan presented the following:

School	Enrollment	Capacity	Functional Capacity	Remarks
Waterville Elem. (PK-4)	305	396 (18 classrooms x 22)	356 (90%)	1&2
Morristown Middle (grades 5-8)	213		300	
Waterville High (grades 9-12)	259		406	Additional 5 classrooms on 2nd floor would increase functional capacity to 500

Summary 777 Enrollment 1,043 Student Capacity

Remarks:

- Elementary support spaces not included (gym, music, art)
- Pre-K rooms are included in capacity and enrollment.

Reviewed the current strategic plan's focus on students. Reviewed current projected budget, loss of COVID dollars, and more students graduating than incoming kindergarteners. Asked board members to consider three questions when stabilizing the budget:

- Good for the kids?
- Provides high-quality learning opportunities?
- Responsible with taxpayer funds?

Loss of students equates to less money. We make cuts or have fewer offerings. Shifting to offering education at one site would offer the benefit of the ability to invest more in our students' educational opportunities. Would offer the ability to offer more support for both students who are struggling and students who are excelling both academically and behaviorally. It would make available pathway electives for younger students, and increase academic electives and CTE electives. Transitions would be eliminated. Less busing and idle time. Administrative alignment, eliminate transitions and offer more staff support. Considerations of this solution include: change, detailed plans have not been developed, can't pinpoint how much savings, a possible lessee of the current building that would provide access to gyms/fields, responsibility to our students to create the best possible learning environment.

Wilson/Knutson gave examples of different offerings for students that were possibilities if the change occurred. Advised the ability of staff to better collaborate, advised more access to support for students, and the ability to properly disperse workload of administrators and staff.

Bakken asked what a timeline would be for this solution? Regan advised possible loss of lessee depending on dates of possible occupancy. Information would be presented to staff, then a letter would be sent to families. Board would then have further meetings to determine recommendations and vote.

Schneider made a motion to adjourn and Stangler seconded the motion. Seven members voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

June A. Rezac, Attest

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club reminds everyone of the danger of changing ice conditions on Silver Lake in Elysian Township in Le Sueur County due to the aeration system.

Since the aeration system will cause thin ice and open water in the area near the pump, extreme caution is advised. The erosion of the ice is unpredictable and will vary depending on the direction of the wind.

Though there is no public access to the lake, danger signs will be posted according to state law.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF LE SUEUR FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 40-PR-24-973 Estate of James Clarence Olson, a/k/a James C. Olson, Decedent.

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on 01-09-2025, at

8:15 a.m., by this Court at 435 Derrynane Street, Le Center, Minnesota 56057, Minnesota.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

Date: 11-20-2024

BY THE COURT

/s/ Patrick Goggins
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SECTION 00 03 00

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TITLE: Waterville-Elysian-Morristown 2025 HVAC Renovations

LOCATION OF WORK: Waterville High School, 500 East Paquin St., Waterville, MN, 56096

OWNER: Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Schools, District #2143, 500 East Paquin St. Waterville, MN, 56096

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: ICS Consulting, LLC, 1331 Tyler Street NE, Suite 101, Minneapolis, MN 55413, (763) 354-2670, Contact: Bryce Kinniry, Senior Project Manager, Email: Bryce.kinniry@ics-builds.com

ARCHITECT: ISG Inc., 115 E Hickory Street, Suite 300, Mankato, MN, 56001, 507-387-6651, Contact: Justin Steffl, Senior Project Manager

STRUCTURAL: ISG Inc., 115 E Hickory Street, Suite 300, Mankato, MN, 56001, 507-387-6651, Contact: Justin Steffl, Senior Project Manager

MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: ISG Inc., 115 E Hickory Street, Suite 300, Mankato, MN, 56001, 507-387-6651, Contact: Justin Steffl, Senior Project Manager

CIVIL ENGINEER: N/A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Waterville-Elysian-Morristown School District is replacing their existing air handling equipment in the Waterville School Building. Work includes the replacement of two air handling units, addition of a third air handling unit and associated condensing unit, and the replacement and addition of associated ductwork, piping, accessories, and controls. Architectural, plumbing, and structural renovations will be completed to support the HVAC work and to reconfigure classrooms, offices, restrooms, and a weight room to better meet the current needs of the district and its students.

BID DATE AND LOCATION:

Sealed Bids will be received at **Waterville High School – 500 East Paquin St. Waterville, MN, 56096** then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to **3:30 PM local time on December 19, 2024**. Bids submitted after allotted time will be discarded, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:

For Electronic access to the bidding documents, please contact **Kris Shattuck**, Project Coordinator by e-mail at kris.shattuck@ics-builds.com or direct at 612-999-1566. The Construction Manager can also provide locations of Builders Exchanges holding plans for contractors to access. Bidders are responsible for any and all costs associated with the production of plans and specifications for their use.

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:

Each Bidder must comply with the following requirements to re-

assure acknowledgment and recognition of their Bids:

Bids must be accompanied by Bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid bond in the amount of 5% of the base Bid submitted, made payable to the owner, as guarantee that Bidder will, if awarded, enter into contract in accordance with contract documents and submitted Bid.

Submit Bid on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the Bidder.

Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid Form, in ink or typewriter, in both words and figures.

Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a Bidder is a co-partnership, then signatures on the Bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.

Base Bid and all alternate Bids shall be stated both in writing and in figures. In all cases, written and numerical figures must agree; otherwise at Owner's option, it shall be cause for rejection of Bid. Complete form without alterations.

Submit alternate prices (Bids) for either increasing or decreasing the costs, as called for on Bid form and Description of Alternates. Submit a Bid for all alternates.

Owner may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability, competency, and responsibility of the Bidder to perform the work. Any Bidder shall furnish to Owner, all such information and data for this purpose, as the Owner may request. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein. The competence and responsibility of Bidder will be considered in making an award, including, but not limited to; (1) proof of financial responsibility, (2) quality of similar work, (3) amount of experience with similar projects, (4) facilities, personnel and equipment, (5) reputation for performance, and (6) the ability to complete the work within specified time. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid where there is reasonable doubt as to the qualifications of the Bidder.

Owner reserves the right to: (1) accept Bidder's Base Bid only, (2) accept any one or more of bidder's Alternate Bids, in any order regardless of the order in which they were listed, (3) reject all Bids, (4) award contract based on their investigation of Bidders, as well as acceptance of alternates, all of which the Owner deems to be in their best interest, (5) waive informalities or minor irregularities in Bids and waive minor irregularities or discrepancies in Bidding procedure.

Upon award of Contract, Contractor shall provide AIA A312 Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of Contract Sum in accordance with General Conditions and Amendments to General Conditions.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS & SITE REVIEW:

Each Bidder (including subcontract Bidder where appropriate) is **ADVISED** to visit the site and to fully inform themselves and record their own investigations as to the extent of the Work, the extent of the work performed by other contractors under other construction packages, conditions under which the Work is to be performed, existing buildings and streets, conditions of the area, existing utilities and other features, type of soil, available facilities and difficulties that may be encountered in connection therewith, and other relevant items which will affect their Bid or the Work.

Prior to submitting a Bid, each Bidder is required to examine all of the bidding requirements, all Contract Documents, all drawings, and specifications for the Project (including those primarily for other Subcontracts). Contractors shall become thoroughly familiar with the scope of the Project and all factors and items of work which will affect their Bid or the Work, whether shown or specified in documents primarily for Work of others or Work of this Contract.

No extras will be allowed the Contractor as a result of misunderstanding of the extent of scope of the Work as a result of their failure to study and record their own findings. Submission of a Bid shall be proof that such examinations have been made and that Bidder has recorded their own investigation and has become thoroughly familiar with all contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omissions of any Bidder to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation in respect to their Bid. Nor shall it be the responsibility of ICS or its counterparts to ensure you have read all documentation. This is the sole responsibility of the Bidder and its Sub-Contractor(s).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

A Pre-Bid conference will be held at **3:30 PM on December 11, 2024, at Waterville High School Auditorium (Enter Through Door 16) – 500 East Paquin St. Waterville, MN, 56096**. A site review will take place immediately following the Pre-Bid conference. No extras will be allowed because of the Bidder's misinterpretation as to the amount of work involved, Bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site.

START DATE:

Work will begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is January 6, 2025. Pre-construction and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises no later than June 2, 2025.

SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:

Owner requires all work to be substantially complete by: Substantial Completion: August 22, 2025

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