

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
GARNER-HAYFIELD-VENTURA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The special meeting (community meeting) of the Board of Directors of the Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community School District was held on February 4, 2020, in the high school auditorium at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Present: Larkin, Roberts, Watson, Toppin, and Upmeyer

Absent: None

Also present was Supt. Williams.

Motion by Roberts, second by Larkin, to approve agenda as presented. All voted in favor.

Board President Watson addressed those present with a brief explanation as to the reason for this meeting indicating that the board was exploring numerous ways to reduce a significant amount of money from the budget in order to keep the district fiscally sound.

Superintendent Williams then addressed the community present and explained spending authority, enrollment issues, transportation costs, salary and benefit costs indicating that salaries and benefits make by roughly 80% of the general fund budget. He indicated that upon advice from a school finance expert that to keep the district in a good financial position he would recommend significant reductions in the neighborhood of \$850,000.00. A reduction of this size cannot be achieved any other way than reducing personnel, transportation costs, building expenditures.

At this time, board president Watson asked for questions and comments from those present. Many questions were asked and answers provided in the areas of staff reduction and timing of reductions, transportation changes, and building usage changes.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion items for the board at this time, upon motion by Toppin, seconded by Upmeyer, and unanimously carried, the special board meeting work session) was adjourned by President Watson at approximately 8:52 p.m.

Patricia A. Schmidt
Board Secretary