

**SPECIAL REFERENDUM MEETING  
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
High School Auditoria**

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024  
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 6:00 p.m. The meeting notice was published in the Wednesday, November 13, 2024 edition of the Independent Register.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mike Krupke, Michael Oellerich, Elizabeth Kempel, Jodi Kail, and Jenny Flory

Absent: Al Schneider and Don Buchanan

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT REFERENDUM AND HANDOUTS**

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

District Administrator Novy presented information and a presentation.

**REVIEW TWO DIFFERENT SCENARIOS FROM THE BAIRD MODEL**

**REVIEW ITEM**

District Administrator Novy and Finance Manager Robin Bye presented information and a presentation.

**OPEN FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION**

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

- There was no public comment.
- District Administrator Novy informed the School Board that he and Finance Manager Robin Bye will meet with a Baird representative to review and confirm we are using the recommended assumptions.
- The School Board discussed the idea of using 60% reimbursement for Special Ed. funding in our projections rather than the current 33.3%. State School Superintendent Jill Underly is proposing 75% for next year, but 60% falls more in line with educational experts and organizations across Wisconsin.
- The School Board's desire is to develop a referendum the same as our current 3-year non-recurring referendum, which is a non-recurring referendum for \$1,750,000 per year for three years.
- District Administrator Novy informed the School Board that the Administrative Team is developing a "cut list" to both prepare for the next referendum as well as preparations if it does not pass. The team will look for Board guidance regarding a target amount to recommend.
- There was also School Board interest to ask for an amount to put us in better financial standing. Administration will put together another Baird model using amounts that will provide that outlook.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.  
Motion carried, 5-0.