



BOARD MINUTES – 08/02/2023

LINKING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES (Early Childhood Iowa Area) met on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at Riverside Elementary School, 733 F Street, Fort Dodge, IA for a special meeting.

Members present:

Clarence Siepker
Bob Thode
Scott Becker

Pastor Nick Thackery
Tammy Varland

Members absent:

- Justin Daggett
- Kristin Teske

Community members present:

Elizabeth Stanek

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Clarence Siepker at 5:00 p.m. Quorum was met.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Siepker asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. No changes were suggested.

MOTION: Mr. Thode moved to approve the agenda as presented.

SECOND: Mr. Thackery

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Tour of Riverside

Board members toured the Riverside Elementary School property.

Discussion on Child Care

Board members discussed the pros and cons of the property for future use as a child care center. Ms. Stanek reviewed the information and total cost as provided by Allers Associates Architects. In order for the building to meet code requirements the building would need a new automatic fire sprinkler system, upgraded fire alarm system with voice activation, new a/c and fresh air ventilation system and direct exits for all lower level classrooms.

MOTION: Mr. Thode moved that a letter be sent to Fort Dodge Community School District' Board of Education requesting the district donate the property to Linking Families and Communities. The letter should outline that the property would be used as a child care center, provide the in-kind match we need for the grant that has been awarded and that we would extend a 10% discount to FDCSD staff that utilized the child care for their children.

SECOND: Mr. Thackery

Discussion: None



ACTION: Motion passed unanimously

With no further business, Mr. Siepker asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Thode

SECOND: Ms. Varland

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

- Respectfully Submitted By: Elizabeth Stanek

Next Meeting: September 14, 2023