

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL, NOBLES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SCHOOL
DISTRICT 518 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2024**

The Worthington City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the District 518 High School Band Room by Mayor Rick Von Holdt with the following Council Members present: Larry Janssen, Chris Kielblock, Chad Cummings, Amy Ernst, Alaina Kolpin.

The District 518 Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the District 518 High School Band Room by Chairman Joel Lorenz with the following members present: Joel Lorenz, Steve Schnieder, Lori Dudley, Erin Schutte, Matt Widboom, Tom Prins, Adam Blume.

City Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Corey Greenway, Fieldhouse Manager; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

District 518 Staff present: John Landgaard, Superintendent; Dave Skog, Director of Operations; Lisa Ahrenstorff, Executive Administrative Assistant.

Others present: Jay Milbrandt, Bedford Industries, Jason Johnson, Johnson Builders & Realtors; Mike Fogelamn, Marge Fogelman, Ryan McGaughey, Radio Works; Stewart Chisham, The Globe; Nate Grimmus, Aaron Sieve, Rod Sankey.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

A motion was made by Board Member Widboom, seconded by Board Member Dudley and unanimously passed to approve the agenda as presented.

John Landgaard, Superintendent, said the goal of the meeting was for the boards to decide on what the venue would be and whether it would have one or two sheets of ice along with determining the funding commitment that each entity is willing to contribute.

Discussion was held on the need for community effort in seeking donations to help fund a new event arena/complex. Mr. Johnson indicated the Worthington Hockey Association would make its best effort in seeking up to \$1 million dollars in donations to put towards the cost of a new ice arena/event complex.

It was agreed to get other examples of new ice arenas that were built in the state and get the costs associated with building those facilities.

Rod Sankey said if the land north of town owned by the City of Worthington was used for the new arena, he would donate \$10,000.00 to the project.

The consensus was that all entities meet separately again and determine a dollar amount each board would be willing to contribute and then meet again.

A motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

School Board Chairman Lorenz adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers, MCMC
City Clerk