

**University Schools
Board of Governors
Special Meeting
February 12, 2004
Minutes**

Present: David Sanchez, Suzanne Forney, Greg Pierson, Linda Widel, Bryan VanDriel, Gayle Adams, Emily Dollard, Ron Eberhard, Cyndy Giauque, Dick Bond, Mike Taber, Rebecca Koppes-Conway

- Cyndy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Bond Refinance:

- Board members received from Tom Roche, via email, a proposal to refinance our bonded indebtedness for a new 30 year period. The amount of our debt would be increased by approximately \$550,000. This amount would be used to purchase the final portion of the Charter School campus, a 6 acre plot on the southeast corner of the property, which is currently being used (with the owner's permission) as a football practice field and a soccer field. On the original plat, this area was shown as the location of an ice arena. Plans for that arena have now fallen through, and the owners are willing to sell to us far below the appraised value of \$900,000. By taking advantage of current low interest rates, as well as a new law that allows the State of Colorado to back charter school bonds with their bond rating we can add the additional \$550,000 of debt and still lower our annual payment.
- Cyndy introduced Rebecca Koppes-Conway, who is the Registered Agent for the University Schools Bonding Committee. Rebecca explained the bonding process and the different agencies who were involved. She recommended that as we consider a refinance, that we should disclose the actual costs as well as the hidden costs such as attorney's fees, prepayment penalties, etc.
- There was discussion about the costs involved in the refinance. David reminded that Russ Caldwell was very open with the costs involved the first time around, and that all of the costs of the bonds and refinancing are probably wrapped into the new debt amount. There was a suggestion that we should increase our debt as high as possible without increasing our annual payment, and use any additional funds to assist with cash flow.
- A motion was made by David (Ron) to pursue this opportunity to the fullest and as quickly as possible. Motion passed.
- At 7:40pm Tom Roche called and was placed on the speakerphone. He reported that Russ is already planning on presenting a proposal to the State Bonding Authority on February 24, and that our bonds could be included in that presentation. The bonds would then close on April 8.

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Ron (David) to adjourn at 7:55pm. Motion passed.