I. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Board of Education President and Committee Co-Chair, Mr. Matt Bauman

The attendance sheet was used in place of an official roll call.

Members in Attendance: Robert Allison, Mike Barr, Derrick Berlin, Danny Kenyon, Russell Pietrowiak, Mindy Renier, Jennifer Smith, Heather Warner, Dan Wons

Board Member: Matt Bauman
Dr. John W. Sparlin, Superintendent
Mr. Asif Dada, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

Guest in Attendance: Dr. Judith Minor, Dr. Lisa Smith, Joe Hoffman, Jeff Kleinmaier, Dustin McNichols,

Members Absent: Christine Jaegle, Douglas Pfeiffer, Allison Sulkson, Amy Underwood

Recording Secretary: Ursula Coan

II. Approval of Minutes from January 31, 2017

A motion was made by Mindy Renier to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2017 meeting. Derrick Berlin seconded the motion. All members in attendance agreed unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

III. Update on Presentation of Transition Program

Matt Bauman introduced, Joe Hoffman, Asst. Director of Secondary Special Education. Mr. Hoffman gave a quick review of what the Transition Program is and the district is looking for to accommodate the needs of the students that attend that program. Since this program is serving young adults ages 18-21 years of age, a traditional school setting is really not ideal. The district purchased a single family home for the program on 13 Brock
Court in June of 2016. In February of this year, the board made the decision to look at alternative locations since the residence located in the Court, presented many challenges with transportation, parking etc. and caused friction with the neighbors. Mr. Hoffman stated that many of the homes on the market, would likely present the same concerns with transportation and parking. The following criteria was considered:

- Education and Training
- Employment
- Independent Living

We also need to look at our long term growth. The program will likely double in the next 4-5 years.

The proposed commercial property, located on 1008 Douglas Road, fits all of our criteria. It is new and just a shell, so it could be finished inside exactly the way it suits us. It is located by a strip mall that could provide employment opportunities within walking distance for our students. At 4,800 square feet, it would provide the ability to expand the program. There also are no parking or pick up/drop off concerns with our buses and there is ample parking for staff.

The list price is $250,000
Renovation cost is $405,000
Furniture and Equipment $20,000
Sale of Existing Property $200,000
Allocation – IDEA Grant $200,000

Gardening is an option as well. Students can learn to trim bushes and plant pots to have around the building. The following suggestions were made:

- Check with business around us and across Route 34 to see if they would be able to provide job opportunities to our students.
- It would be a good idea to have our students in architectural programs help with designing plans to finish the inside of the property.
- It would make sense to build it all out and use the space, even if we are not at full capacity yet.
- Perhaps use the extra space as a coffee shop or a space where students could sell something handmade.
- This is a long term solution, even if the program expands.

If all is approved, the hope is that the new location will be available for the students in time for second semester. The committee was in support of purchasing this property for the Transition Program.

IV. Public Comment – There was no public comment

V. Adjourn
Meeting was adjourned: 6:35 p.m.