

(The following is a synopsis of the minutes of the West Branch City Council meeting. The full text of the minutes is available for inspection at the City Clerk's office. The minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.)

**West Branch, Iowa
Council Chambers**

**City Council
Work Session #1**

**March 3, 2014
6:02 p.m.**

Mayor Pro Tem Miller opened the West Branch City Council work session by welcoming the audience and the following City staff: City Administrator Matt Muckler, Administrative Assistant Shanelle Peden, Deputy City Clerk Dawn Brandt, Library Director Nick Shimmin, Police Chief Mike Horihan, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, and City Attorney Kevin Olson. Council members: Jordan Ellyson and Tim Shields. Councilperson Brian Pierce entered after roll call at 6:03 p.m.

Christine Ashley, Director of Scattergood Friends School & Farm, spoke to the Council regarding the philosophy behind Scattergood's dedication to a diversified approach to learning. Director Ashley indicated that Scattergood applies a blended Quaker philosophy of academics, farming, service, and work towards a student's educational development. Director Ashley also emphasized Scattergood's approach to academia as rigorous, while incorporating simplicity and equality and allowing students' unrestricted boundaries to their educational development.

Councilperson Ellyson asked about student capacity. Director Ashley remarked that current enrollment shows forty one students, with a maximum of sixty students per academic year. Councilperson Shields asked about the tuition cost per student, as well as sources of funding. Director Ashley noted that Scattergood's current tuition per student is approximately \$28,000.00 per year, which is mainly funded by endowments, with some grant funding and financial aid available. Director Ashley concluded that Scattergood is currently focusing on a Captial campaign in order to improve and update infrastructure.

Motion by Ellyson to adjourn the work session, second by Shields. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council work session adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Colton Miller, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: _____
Matt Muckler, City Administrator/Clerk