



CITIZENS' PHASE 2 FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

May 11, 2016

Westside High School

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: No. 4

1. Opening Remarks

Brian Flones

- a. Accepted meeting minutes from Meeting No. 3.

Those present:

Consultants and Administration:

David Zeitlin, Hill International

Brian Fitzgerald, TCF Architects

Tom Bassett, Forte Architects

Brian Flones, Superintendent

Jon DeJong, WSD Deputy Superintendent

Gregg Herkenrath, WSD Director of Facilities

Tina Herron, WSD Technology

Board Members: Walter Newman & Robert Sealby

Committee Members (principals, employees, students & community members):

Russ Speidel, Joy McCallum-Clark, Jennifer Silverman-Newman, Tyler

Russell, Eric Anderson, Kory Kalahar, Rob Cline, Dave Perkins, Jim

Beeson, Dennis Conger, Chris Ferrians, Graham Stansbery, Bob

Swardz, Kris Cameron, Brigid Chvilicek, Clark Hansen, Kathleen Allen,

Jim Kovach, Kevin Loomis, Brian Vertrees, Larry Cordes, Kara Zupke,

Steve King

Kory Kalahar gave an overview of WSHS. The committee went on a guided tour of the facility.

Following the tour there was some discussion on the WSHS. It was felt it was a good example of the look and feel to aim for at WSHS.

2. Discussion Points – Questions, Answers and Suggestions

- a. Q: What other projects need to be considered?

Brian Fitzgerald: Shared athletic projects considered for the high school:

⇒ Tennis Courts: \$1.37M

⇒ 9th Grade Baseball: \$1.43M

⇒ Track & Field: \$3.12M

⇒ Softball / practice field: \$2.21M

⇒ Recreation Park: \$8.67M

- b. Q: Have you considered changing Foothills Middle School to a new High School and building a new middle school?
David Zeitlin: This option was explored. It would make a good high school. The cost of replacing the school needs to be factored into the equation. What does the committee desire to happen within the district?
- c. Q: Has the district evaluated extended hours at the Wenatchee High School to help alleviate the overcrowding?
Eric Anderson: They have and continue to look at this. The problem is that about 90% of the students are still on the campus at the same time during the school day.
- d. Suggestion: Consider upgrading HVAC only until bond capacity rises. This cannot be done because the HVAC system was not built for the current configuration of the high school so it would not be suitable to upgrade this system.
- e. Q: What can state match be used for?
David Zeitlin: The money needs to be used for school capital improvements. The money is tied to the school being modernized.
- f. Q: What is the State Match Formula?
David Zeitlin showed an example of how state match is computed.
- g. Q: What happens if we want to wait until the bond capacity rises?
David Zeitlin: Bond capacity is tied to property value. It is dependent on economic growth in the community.
- h. Q: Can a capital levy be used for smaller projects?
David Zeitlin: Yes, capital levy money can be used for any capital improvement. There is no lid on capital levy amounts.
Brian Fitzgerald: The problem in using capital levy money for a large modernization is the money is distributed to the school district on a yearly basis, so it is not received fast enough for a larger capital project.
- i. Q: What does \$150 Million buy?
Brian Fitzgerald: Presented some examples showing Option H is \$100 M. which is a significant modernization but does not buy new classroom space.
- j. Q: Where does the money come from if they move students to WSHS and WWTSC?
Jon DeJong: The money follows the student to the school they attend.
- k. Q: The community priority is to have a smaller high school enrollment. What about having a freshman campus?
Jon DeJong: This was discussed but from the experience of other districts freshman campuses tend to close after a few years.

Next meeting topics of discussion will be:

1. What is the bonding capacity compared to various scenarios?
2. What are the consequences of each scenario?

Meeting was adjourned

**The next meeting will be May 25, 2016 at the Wenatchee School
District Office at 6:30pm.**