



CITIZENS' PHASE 2 FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

September 21, 2016
Wenatchee School District Office
6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: No. 9

Those present:

Consultants and Administration:

David Zeitlin, Hill International
Brian Fitzgerald, TCF Architects
Tom Bassett, Forte Architects
Brian Flonas, Superintendent
Jon DeJong, WSD Deputy Superintendent
Les Vandervort, WSD CFO
Gregg Herkenrath, WSD Director of Facilities
Traci Thompson, WSD Facilities Secretary
Jim Tweden, WSD Technology

Board Members: Walter Newman, Robert Sealby

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

Kathleen Allen, Eric Anderson, Jim Beeson, Kris Cameron, Dennis Conger, Larry Cordes, Chris Ferrians, Clark Hanson, Peter Jelsing, Kory Kalahar, Kevin Loomis, Joy McCallum-Clark, John McQuaig, Oscar Mendoza, Dave Perkins, Tyler Russell, Jennifer Silverman-Newman, Russ Speidel, Graham Stansbery, Bob Swardz, Brian Vertrees

Items Discussed:

1. Opening Remarks – Brian Flonas

- a. Accept meeting minutes from Meeting No 8 on Sept. 7th.
- b. At 9/7/16 meeting we made two decisions 1) to not move forward with the Federal Building and 2) to move forward with modernizing the Wenatchee High School (scenario J-1).

2. Representative to make the Presentation to the Board – from each group.

3. Community Outreach – a survey to be held through Thought Exchange.

4. Bond Recommendations

- a. Review charge to the committee – David Zeitlin will make an executive summary to present to the board with the information gathered from tonight's meeting.
- b. Review findings

- c. Prioritize Recommendations – the 7 charges within the packet handed out at this meeting were discussed within three groups.
 1. Review, assess, and project short and longterm space needs district wide.
 1. Group A – enforcement of choice policy. Show graphic form of enrollment numbers - graphs at each level.
 2. Group B – Additional staffing needs as student growth happens. Are there thoughts of re-adjusting boundary lines to even out numbers?
 2. Prioritize grade configuration alternatives.
 1. Group A – expand to 9th graders be considered to attend the WVTSC?
 2. Group B - The District is already moving students to WVTSC and WSHS which will help with enrollment at WHS.
 3. Address Wenatchee High School's large student population, building capacity limits, and outdated infrastructure.
 1. Group C - prioritize the changes proposed and finish the expansion of WVTSC. (Comments about WVTSC - build out Building 'B' and build a new building at WVTSC on the newly purchased property. Pete Jelsing talked about applying for capital project funds every year. Tricky at Skills Center because there are 10 other school Districts who can send students there and there is a WAC policy that the host district cannot have more than 75% of the available spaces. Pete has been working with OSPI on a waiver.
Group A - provided some wording changes. Cost of the Federal Building comparable to new construction.
 4. Address High School Athletic Facilities: modernization and improvements to high school athletic facilities to include WHS track and track stadium bleachers, restrooms, tennis courts, Recreation Park Stadium bleachers, softball field, lighting, and field improvements.
 1. Group B – softball complex –is not currently in compliance with title 9.
 2. There is approximately 6 million dollars ear marked for improvements to the WHS athletic facilities. There is a line item built into the dollar amount. The district will need to decide what would top priorities be? At one point it was about 10 million.
 5. Address Foothills Middle School HVAC and plumbing and building envelopes for Mission View, Lewis and Clark, and Columbia Elementary Schools.

1. Group B - Expressed concerns of the issue with the aging HVAC system at Foothills Middle School and the need to getting it fixed. They questioned if the district has the capacity to add that into the bond. One of the fears of using the money is with making the choice on what would get left off. Would athletics get bumped off if Foothills went forward? Also discussed was the timing of running a tech levy and M&O levy alongside a bond. What are we committed to? What is our focus? What is the cost?
6. School Safety and bus/parent pickup/drop off lanes at schools.
 1. Group A – recommend capital projects levy. Added wording about staff working with city on a State safe schools grant.
 2. Group B – asked if we are competing with other things we are doing currently.
7. Future land acquisition.
 1. No comments

David Zeitlin talked about when presenting to the board you should word your ideas to help sell the project. The conceptual design would be further developed before going out for the bond.

Notes were given to David Zeitlin tonight 9/21/16.

He will compile them and Traci will send them out on Mon. 9/26/16 Give review comments to Traci by 10/3/16 she will send them to David Zeitlin so he can get them incorporated and give to Lindee by 10/04/16 for the Board Meeting packet. Timing is between now and Monday for David to compile the notes.

Questions for Survey through Thought Exchange by 10/5/16

Everyone is encouraged to come to the October 11, 2016 Board meeting to support the recommendations and presentation.

Next committee we will discuss next steps. Anybody that wants to be part of the campaign – we need to gather their information and then contact them at a later date.

A question was asked about the timing to try to get an M&O and Tech Levy run around the same time as a bond? M&O levy is fairly simple (12 million over 6 years) and is not as big (replacement levy) Tech Levy is bigger because it's replacing technology throughout the district.

If there are any questions email David Zeitlin at davidzeitlin@hillintl.com or Traci Thompson at Thompson.t@wenatcheeschools.org.

- d. Les Vandervort talked about enrollment numbers and forecasting projections. This year enrollment district wide for year 16-17 is 7,926.46 and projected out to 2025-26 is 7888.78. Westside this year had 45 more students and Skills Center didn't change much. WHS is 1849 for September 2016. The average number for WHS is less than 1850. There are more freshman but less seniors. This is a testament to what WSD has done in getting more students to WHS and to WSHS. Kory said there has been a big impact at WSHS because they are up to 300 students this year.
 - e. Write Committee Recommendations to the School Board – presentation at the 10/11/16 board meeting.
5. Next Steps
- a. Board Meeting Presentation
 - b. Community Survey & Feedback – to be done through Thought Exchange.

Meeting was adjourned

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 6:30pm at the District Office bring thoughts and ideas.