

School Board Minutes

Banks School District 13

March 17, 2010

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7:00 Board Work Session – District Board Room

Agenda

Board Members Present:

Will Moore, Chair
Kathy Edison
Richard Bowden
Norie Dimeo-Ediger
Laurie Schlegel

Others Present:

Blue Ribbon Committee Members
FPC Committee Members
Scott Rose, DLR Group
Rick Rainone – Cornerstone Consulting

Administrators Present

Jim Foster, Superintendent
Simon Levear, Business Manager

Roundtable Discussion – Blue Ribbon Panel

Mr. Moore turned the meeting over to Pete Edison, Chair of the Facilities Planning Committee (FPC). Mr. Edison said this was an opportunity for the Board and FPC to hear input from the Blue Ribbon panel on the various options given to the Board March 8 for consideration in a November bond election. Scott Rose, DLR Group said to summarize the last meeting, the panel was given the options from the FPC, and said the main concerns are safety, space utilization, education facilities in the space, and cost. He said the FPC favors Option C2, as the committee feels it addresses most of the district's needs; is the best use of the real estate; phasing of construction will affect student's classroom relocation the least amount of time; and is the most efficient use of time and space. Mr. Rose said that under C2 phase 1 would only relocate students for the first three months of 2011. Mr. Foster reported that the district has been approached with a possible donation of 12 acres south of highway 6 and west of highway 47. He said the reason for the donation is that the owner wants his land included in the urban growth boundary, and hopes that the district would approach the city and ask for annexation for this property, which would also annex his remaining property into the city UGB. Consensus among those present was that the consideration of possible property for the district does not affect the current concern with the district's need for remodel/new buildings.

Mr. Moore stated that the options dealt with a limited growth model, and Mr. Rose said that in option C2 there has been a 40% increase in parking; a 20% increase in instructional space, and the overbuilding is 10%. Mr. Moore asked for input from the blue ribbon panel.

Sharon Ackerman said the options were overwhelming; she expressed concerns about changing bus lanes, and accessibility for the buses. She said she favored C2.

Sue Lewis discussed the possibility of location the high school and administration offices nearer the main street. She was also concerned about parking. She said she felt C2 addressed the safety and cost efficiency issues the best.

Kathy Douglas said she favored C2 since it does not displace students for too long. Safety was a big concern, and she said the timing of a new \$1 million stadium might need to be reconsidered.

Tim Dierickx expressed concern on the possibility of Banks School District receiving stimulus money for the bond interest, and said that he agreed C2 was most efficient, but that cost consideration made him feel Option A was the best choice. He said the last survey was confusing and he would like the blue ribbon panel to see the survey prior to it being given out. Matt Pihl said he felt C2 addresses the problems the best, however if the district goes out for a \$32 million bond, the district may end up with nothing. He said he felt Option A would be the best option received by the community.

Mr. Bowden said that if any remodeling touches existing facility it would need to be brought up to present code requirements. He expressed concern on meeting the state requirements for science at the high school in the current building. Mr. Rose said that in 2014 physical education time requirements would double.

Greg Henes expressed concern about going out for a bond levy and the fact that money has not been spent on keeping the current facilities up. Vicky Van Domelen said that the district has chosen to spend the money it has on teachers and meeting the needs of the students versus maintenance on the buildings. He said that he would favor Option A, and said he would suggest a long-range master plan for the district, with yearly projects to meet the long-term goals.

Sue Cackler said she favors Option B. She said it adds classrooms, adds gym space and utilizes available space.

Mr. Moore said that the district would have a master plan in place prior to the final designs of any proposed projects. Mr. Moore said in order for the district to apply for any stimulus money currently available the bond would need to be approved in 2010. Mr. Edison said that he felt costs in the options are more accurate this time, and Mr. Rainone said he felt the costs were accurately stated in the current options.

Jill Schlegel said she was not in favor of tearing down the vocational/agriculture building, and favors option B.

Tom Duyck said he felt there should have been more options, which might include building a new junior high and renovating the high school.

Mitch Vandehey said that while he likes option C2, times are tough, and that upgrading the high school may be the best option. He favored option A

Trish Birr said she favors C2. She said C2 offers the most safety, gives students more opportunity to succeed, is the best use of the land, and offers the best traffic safety.

Mike Soper was not present, but he was reported to be in favor of C2.

Brian Coussens and Dale Evers were not present, but they were reported to consider safety and cost efficiency over space use.

The question was raised on option A versus C2. Mr. Rose said that option A does not allow for a regulation gym, there would not be the performing arts space, Title IX requirements would not be met, and the district would lose the new kitchen at the high school. Mr. Rose said that options could be modified. Discussion followed on polling, and whether information should be given out prior to the poll. Discussion followed concerning the holding of town hall meetings, and sharing why the district feels now is the time to go out for a bond election. Mr. Duyck asked if a letter could be sent to all district patrons concerning the election, and the survey could be done afterward.

Mr. Moore said that the survey results would be shared with the board at the May 2010 board meeting. He said that members from the Scappoose PAC will attend a meeting with the facilities planning committee April 7 at 7 PM. He invited anyone on the blue ribbon panel that would like to be part of a PAC to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Blue Ribbon Panel Members present:

Trish Birr	Kathy Douglas	Sharon Ackerman
Greg Henes	Sue Cackler	Matt Pihl
Tim Dierickx	Sue Lewis	Jill Schlegel
Mitch Vandehey		

FPC members present:

Pete Edison	Ron Frame	Vicky Van Domelen
Debra Mott	Will Moore	Richard Bowden
Mark Everett	Dan Streblow	