

School Board Minutes

Banks School District 13

May 25, 2010

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7:00 PM

Special Board Session – District Board Room

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present

Jim Foster, Superintendent
Simon Levear, Business Manager

Others Present:

Javier Fernandez, D.A. Davidson
Ann Sherman, K.L. Gates
Pete Edison, FPC Chairman
Jill Schlegel, patron
Schann Nelson, Independent

CALL TO ORDER-FLAG SALUTE

Board Chair Will Moore welcomed everyone to the board meeting.

PUBLIC WELCOME/RECOGNITION/COMMENTS

There were no public recognition or comments made.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Laurie Schlegel made the following motion: "Be it resolved the Banks School District Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented." Norie Dimeo-Ediger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Bond Scope and Costs

Simon Levear introduced Javier Fernandez of D.A. Davidson, and Ann Sherman of K.L. Gates.

Mr. Moore stated at the last board meeting, the direction given to the Facilities Planning Committee was to submit a proposal to the board with the construction and scope of work close to 25.2 million. He asked Mr. Edison to summarize the report on the Bond Scope and Budget dated 5/20/10.

Mr. Edison reported that the direction the FPC was given was to try to keep the cost as close to \$25.2 million as possible; and retain the administration building. He said that the FPC developed a proposal of \$25,975,750, which includes incorporating the current administration building as part of the high school. Mr. Edison said this proposal with slight changes (increasing administration space and gym expansion) is the same as the proposal in February/March, 2010. Laurie Schlegel asked if the plan could change before the final design is crafted. Mr. Edison said yes, this proposal is a guideline, and the design committee will create the final design, with architectural expertise, to best fit the overall campus needs. Mr. Bowden stated that a late idea in the proposal includes \$50,000 to address a safety issue of an emergency vehicle lane for the elementary school. Mr. Moore said this proposal includes the administration building and the barn, but eliminates the current vo-ag building. Mr. Edison said the proposed plans include vo-ag space off the north side of the high school, including some outdoor space. He said that the administration building would contain 7500 sq. feet of classroom space under the proposal. Mr. Moore said there is room for expansion on the current campus under the proposal. Discussion continued on portable classrooms. Mr. Edison said under the proposal, students would be in temporary classrooms from fall until Christmas. Ann Sherman advised the board that bond money cannot be spent to lease portable classrooms – only for the purchase of portable classrooms. Norie Dimeo-Ediger commented that once the dollar amount is set by the board, she wanted to be sure that it would not change.

Ann Sherman commented on the ballot title. She said it must state provisions and federal law. She said that with the passage of measure 68, equipment can be included in the bond. She said it was important to have some flexibility in the ballot title, but that if there are funds left over from the bond, unless provisions are made for surplus dollars, the money cannot be spent. She also advised the board to make the subject of the administration building crystal clear concerning renovation versus removal.

Mr. Moore commented that once the dollar amount is approved, it is the duty of the board to oversee the project. Mr. Edison said the dollar figures in the 5/20/10 summary are conservative numbers.

Ann Sherman commented that there are three places information concerning the bond is supplied: 1) the ballot title, which should be both broad and specific at the same time, and is legally binding. 2) the explanatory statement. 3) supplemental information. She said that in order to spend any remaining funds;

extra projects may be included in the ballot title with a general statement addressing any other related district facilities.

Ms. Sherman also stated that bonding with interest loans; 85% of the money has to be spent within 3 years. Mr. Fernandez said that if the district receives the federal stimulus interest free-loan, those funds have to be spent 100% within 3 years. Mr. Fernandez said the accounting for the interest-free loan versus the interest loan would be internally controlled, and tracked separately.

Mr. Moore discussed the possibility that the board could elect to change the amount of the bond prior to the August ballot resolution.

Pete Edison said the administration building needed to be evaluated prior to the bond election. Ann Sherman said that if a preliminary expenditure was paid within 60 days of the authorization resolution, it could be reimbursed from the bond election. Mr. Edison the FPC was unanimous on the summary proposal given to the board tonight. Mr. Bowden said it was important to move forward so information would be given to staff prior to summer break.

Mr. Fernandez discussed levy rate increases for a bond election of \$25,980,000; and said the rates would be between \$1.72 and \$1.45 depending on receiving the qualified schools construction bonds; and the bond issue.

ACTION ITEMS

Norie Dimeo-Ediger made the following motion: Be it resolved the Banks School District Board of Directors moves to authorize the administration to proceed with the necessary steps to place a \$25,980.00 bond levy on the November 2, 2010 ballot. Richard Bowden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edison stressed the need for a comprehensive facility layout that would encompass the next 20 to 30 years. He said that this will enable groups wanting to do future construction and renovation to be able to move forward.

Discussion continued on the development of the bond title, and statements. Ann Sherman said that Jeanne Magmer will take input from the board and draft the title, and the process should start next month. Mr. Foster said he will work with Jeanne Magmer.

Discussion included the future meeting of the Blue Ribbon Committee prior to the district staff meeting on the bond. It was discussed to have Scott Rose present for the presentations.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.