

# ***Facilities Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

April 9, 2015  
5:30 PM

### **I. Call to Order**

John Boyd called to order the regular meeting of the Facilities Committee at 5:30 pm on April 9, 2015 at the Transportation Facility.

Went around the room and committee members re-introduced themselves.

### **II. Old Business**

- a. None

### **III. New Business**

- a. Steve McNutt gave a brief overview of last meeting and the Study & Survey.
- b. Key Considerations were listed, they were as follows:
  - i. Enrollment growth-predominantly K-8. Future forecast shows growth of 372 students over next 5 years. There does appear there will be a small lull in growth in the next few years but then growth will spike back up.
  - ii. 23% of classrooms are in portables. With this many portables core facilities struggle to provide all services (cafeteria, gym, libraries, etc.). There are several scenarios to address this growth but portables will still be around.
  - iii. Building Conditions-Our building conditions are very good with an average grade in the high 80%. The lowest score is the Junior High. 1/3 of the Junior High has not been updated since 1960 and 2/3 of the school has not been updated since 1986. This fact makes the Junior High eligible for \$10.1 million in state funding. It will be a judgment call to remodel or build a new Junior High.
  - iv. Building Shortcomings-Several schools have growth shortcomings but a few major examples are:
    1. George Elementary-By 2015/2016 school year will have ½ of student population in portables. They are in real need of more classrooms and core facilities (restrooms, cafeteria, gym).
    2. Mt. View Elementary and Pioneer are also in need of gyms so that gym time is not disrupted by lunch. Having separate gyms and cafeterias solves this issue.
    3. 23% of student population in portables.
  - v. Majority of funding will be local cost.
    1. Eligible for \$10.1 million from the state for remodel/new build of Junior High.
    2. Due to growth also eligible for \$2.8 million in state funding.
    3. Quincy School District assessed value has gone up (which is really good) but does mean we are eligible for less from the state.

- vi. Funding Tolerance-Steve McNutt had a list of from \$.70/\$1000 up to \$3.00/\$1000 and the committee will vote to see what they think the community will tolerate. In the late 90s/early 2000s there was a bond that passed for just over \$2.00/\$1000.
- c. Steve McNutt then asked for any questions or comments
  - i. T. Goninan-She understood the High School was not eligible for state funding until approximately 2034 but where were the other schools? All the other schools, excepting the Junior High, are in similar situations with remodels having been done in the mid-1990s to the early 2000s so they are not eligible for state funding until 2020-2030.
  - ii. S. Ramsey-The 470 student growth over last 7 years, what time frame is the 372 student growth over? It is over 5 years. Does the state give support to address that? Yes, but only up to that growth and that is reflected with the \$2.8 million.
  - iii. C. Worley-The formula the state uses to calculate growth, does it take everything into account? Yes and it pretty accurate-usually. Occasionally a bad snapshot of a district is taken, this is what happened to Quincy the last time the study & survey was done. This study & survey seems to be much more accurate and lines up with all growth of 6-18 year olds in Grant County.
- d. Steve McNutt turned the meeting over to Nik Bergman and Kathie Brown to talk about Grade School Reconfiguration.
  - i. Nik & Kathie discussed the process that was used when reconfiguring K-3 prior to the 2011/2012 school year.
  - ii. There was a 30 member committee similar to the facilities committee made up of diversified members of the community.
  - iii. There were 4 major issues in play. Academic Programs, Facilities, Staffing, Boundaries and Transportation.
  - iv. The committee was split into 4 sub-committees who met as often as necessary and then presented to entire committee each month. There were also several times they presented to community in forums.
  - v. This was a very extensive process but a lot was due to the fact that Quincy was going from grade based schools to neighborhood schools and there were no parameters in place. If/When this is done next it will still be extensive but there are procedures in place now.
  - vi. Most likely with any scenario the Facility Committee decides upon there will be reconfiguration.
- e. Steve McNutt-after feedback from committee-We will need to make sure to address CTE/Science curriculum at the High School. There will be some research done and a dollar figure presented to be added to any one of the scenarios. There is money built into a few of the scenarios that address remodel/moving the district office.
- f. Steve McNutt then explained the “Dot Party”. There were poster boards up that had 7 different scenarios and their cost per \$1000 for the tax payer. Each committee member would be putting dot stickers on them to get a collective sense from our facilities committee on where we are for funding tolerance and building

scenarios. Steve explained the different scenarios and the committee members were invited to vote. 1 dot per poster board, red dots were 5 points in favor, blue dots 3 points in favor, green dot 1 point in favor, no dot no points.

- i. New High School-received 23 points
  - ii. Classroom addition at George-received 79 points
  - iii. 3 New Elementary Gyms-received 84 points
  - iv. New Elementary School-received 80 points
  - v. Remodel of existing Jr High-received 3 points
  - vi. New Jr High-received 90 points
  - vii. Minor Capitol (for boilers, HVAC, carpets, etc)-received 73 points.
  - viii. If you were to throw out the 2 lowest points (remodel of Jr High and a New High School) the total of all the other scenarios combined would be \$1.87/\$1000
  - ix. Next we took 1 green dot and placed it on a chart labeled from \$.50/\$1000 up to \$3.00/\$1000 on where we thought the community would be on funding tolerance.
  - x. The committee average looked to be around \$1.75-\$2.00
- g. There was a group discussion on why some people had put their dots either low or high on the funding chart. Some of the highs thought the community would be ready to support this bond and if were able to put together a scenario that includes so many new and upgrades to the entire district that the community would be happy about getting a lot of bang for their buck. It was also discussed that if we came up with the budget and told the community and then showed all they were getting for that, it would be a great way to help sell the bond to the community.
- h. Confirmation that John Boyd, Steve McNutt, and David Talley will look into the CTE/Science Curriculum at the High School.
- i. Next Meeting will be May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Transportation Facility at 5:30 pm and then a possible community meeting late May/early June.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

- a. John Boyd adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm

Minutes submitted by: Margie Mills