

MINUTES

Special Board of Education Meeting

January 7, 2019

Early Childhood Center

5:30 p.m.

Tim Mullen, President
Scott Perkins, Vice-President
Sylvia Payne, Treasurer
Justin Strong, Member

Kim Grayson, Member
Jason Evans, Member
Tana Booker, Member

- I. Call to order and roll call at 5:31 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center, Tim Mullen, President, presiding. All members present with the exception of Scott Perkins.
- II. Motion by Sylvia and second by Jason to approve the January 7, 2019 special meeting agenda as presented. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- III. All said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Public Comment will be held at the end of the meeting after Superintendent, Mr. Whittaker speaks and the presentation by Jack Mentink of Integrity Engineering.
- V. New Business: Facilities
Mr. Whittaker began the meeting by talking about the purpose of the meeting. The planning process for immediate and long term facilities plans. No final decision will be made at this meeting. This is a planning meeting and figuring out the key priorities. Mr. Whittaker went on to share a brief history of how we have gotten to this point.
 - 2006 Levy increase for new Middle School and improvements to the Elementary and High School.
 - Levy increase was not enough to pay for the improvements.
 - The Board of Education borrowed additional money for this project.
 - Economy tanked and school funding was reduced.
 - Fund balances were low. The District utilized a lease purchase to fix roofs, buy buses, and fix the lagoon (6%).
 - We have made great strides financially. 34% fund balances.
 - We are able to pay outright for the new bus shed.
 - We hired an architect two years ago to assist us in developing a long term plan (\$20,000).

- The District regrouped and hired Integrity Engineering to complete our planning process.
- Integrity Engineering completed a study of our town campus and gave us a report in November 2018 on the old Middle School and another study was completed in December 2018 for the Elementary.

VI. Jack Mentink of Integrity Engineering gave a presentation/new architectural layout of the Elementary and Middle School campus. Mr. Mentink handed out a cost estimate to complete the whole larger project and smaller project.

STEELVILLE R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 2019 BOND ISSUE PROJECTS

COMPLETE LARGER PROJECT DESCRIPTION



1/7/2019

Item	Description	Extension
1	Take down old middle school, remove asbestos, reroute utilities around building, fill and compact	400,000
2	Renovate parking area front of campus, install walks, metal covers, asphalt, landscaping	400,000
3	ADA parking and access upgrade to middle school gym	50,000
4	Construct new grade school gym and title classrooms and library	1,300,000
5	Renovate grade school, drainage and parking	1,500,000
6	Middle School upgrades	300,000
7	New offices & façade update for grade school multipurpose room	250,000
TOTAL		4,200,000

**STEELVILLE R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
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SMALLER PROJECT



1/7/2019

Item	Description	Extension
1	Take down old middle school, remove asbestos, reroute utilities around building, fill and compact	400,000
2	ADA parking & access for middle school gym	50,000
3	Renovation of grade school minus asbestos removal & fire doors	1,250,000
4	Middle School upgrades	300,000
5	Install grade school gym only without classrooms	1,000,000
TOTAL		3,000,000

Mr. Mentink’s recommendation is to not put any money into the old middle school due to needing so many costly repairs. It would not be the best use of our District funds. Mr. Mentink said if we would go with the smaller project it would probably take about 8 to 9 months to complete and would possibly be finished by early 2021. He also said that the price could fluctuate + or - 15%.

After Mr. Mentink’s presentation, Mr. Whittaker spoke briefly on the difference between debt service and capital projects and how this would impact these projects. Mr. Whittaker asked the Board what they felt would be some of their main priorities to fix first.

- Tim Mullen would like to see Integrity Engineering complete a study of the high school.
- Sylvia Payne would like to see the Middle School attic sealed.
- Tana Booker would like to see the exterior work at the Elementary completed.
- Jason Evans feels the drainage issues need to be fixed before construction could begin.

VII. Public Comment – Mr. Mentink stayed to answer any questions from the public.

Alex Settles: Mr. Settles asked if the west portion with the new gym and library could be built first since it is a stand-alone building? Mr. Mentink said that it could be built first.

Rob Viehman: Could the two buildings be connected? Mr. Mentink said we could but it would be costly.

Mr. Whittaker spoke and said maintenance issues can't be delayed moving forward. The District has to stay on top of this.

Chris Turnbough: Will there only be one drop off point? Mr. Mentink said yes. Mr. Turnbough asked if there could be a study done as far as traffic flow. The drop-off points are always so congested every morning. Mr. Turnbough also asked if the ADA access would be concrete? Mr. Mentink said yes.

Board member Jason Evans left the meeting (6:34 p.m.).

Tamra Cape: Ms. Cape let the Board know that she has had discussions regarding the old middle school with former students and members of the community. She asked the Board if it was set in stone that the old middle school will be torn down? Board President, Tim Mullen said no, it is not set in stone. The Board is looking at everything, especially the financial side of it. Ms. Cape wants to present to the Board information regarding Grants to possibly save the old middle school. Mr. Mullen said that she could get all of the information together and contact Mr. Whittaker to get on the school board agenda.

Mr. Mullen told everyone that the next school board meeting would be January 17, 2019, with open session beginning at 5 p.m.

- VIII. Motion by Sylvia and second by Tana to adjourn the meeting. Tim-yea, Sylvia-yea, Justin-yea, Kim-yea, and Tana-yea. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Board President Date

Board Secretary Date