



2016 School Study Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2017

5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Harvey Education Center, Board Room

Present Ted Berryhill, Steve Duane, Josh Galloway, Matt Hall, Amy McVaugh, Kerry Minshall, Christopher Mumby, Mitch Perrault, Mike Prelesnik, Sandy Smalley, Mike Thompson, Sally Trout, Chris Waltz, Tim Williams, Chris Wright, Erik Cargill

Absent Shelly Fanson, Russ Whipple, Jon Droscha, Jessica Curtis, Lance Delbridge, Susie Disselkoen, Liz Evans, Patrick Meyers, Jerry Schaffer, Joe Strach

Also Present Superintendent Ronald Drzewicki, Mike Kenney, Steve Merriman, Ted Moore and Mike Kounelis

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 18, 2017 agenda were approved as presented.

Request/Clarification Forms

None

Architectural Design of School Safety and Security

The committee viewed a video presentation on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). The video presented concepts that schools can take into consideration to passively prevent crime, or other potential security disruptions, through a combination of thoughtful design

principles and training. Concepts presented included: Surveillance; Access Control; and Territoriality. Surveillance topics centered on removing low visibility areas in order to discourage non-ideal behavior; examples include increased natural lighting via windows instead of solid walls and removing tables/etc from areas with low visibility. Access Control topics focused on effectively managing who gets on the property; examples included maintaining clearly identified entry points and control measures for both vehicle and pedestrian flows. The Territoriality topics are designed to increase a sense of ownership for the building. Topics included well placed signage, maintenance to show building pride, and display of student art and awards.

Following the video presentation, Jason Russell from Secure Education Consultants (SEC), a consultant who specializes in security design and training, discussed CEPTED principles and considerations. Mr. Russell emphasized the role that training plays in effective implementation of CEPTED principles. Steve Duane asked how much can be accomplished with just training before physical changes need to be made. Mr. Russell said most goals can be accomplished with robust training. He noted that people can get lax when they rely only on features/designs and not training. Josh Galloway asked a question on whether SEC's training focused on community specific issues/threats, or is a general awareness training – Mr. Russell said general topics are the focus, but will identify community specific concerns.

Mike Thompson noted that Mason Public Schools has a very comprehensive plan already in place, and that the training includes reunification methods – the only District in the area with that training.

Proposed Scope of Work: North Aurelius

Mike Kounelis from the Skillman Corporation presented an updated scope of work for North Aurelius Elementary School. Mike mentioned that, in response to last meeting's request on more detail, Skillman has provided more information as to the proposed cost modeling.

The highpoints for the NA proposal include site work for buses and parking, septic system upgrades, two new classroom additions as well as an expanded gymnasium, a completely new mechanical system and a placeholder for potential land acquisition. There were multiple questions from the committee on the proposed scope of work. Ron Drzewicki discussed some of the major changes from the last bond proposal to this proposed scope of work. Those include setting the size of 3rd – 5th grade classrooms at 950 square feet and 1st and 2nd grade classrooms at 1,250 sq. ft. These proposed sizes closely mirror current recommendations on school design.

Various issues were discussed by committee members, Mr. Drzewicki, Skillman and GMB. Topics included the addition of two new classrooms, land acquisition, gym addition, separate cafeteria, square footage of gym addition, size of parking lot expansion and number of new parking spaces.

Proposed Scope of Work: Alaiedon

Mike K. from Skillman then presented a proposed scope of work for Alaiedon Elementary. Chris Waltz introduced this discussion by mentioning that the scope of work here was more expansive than the previous proposal. Mike mentioned that many of the NA details were carried over to Alaiedon, including consistent room sizing according to grade. There is no potential for land acquisition here. The high points for the Alaiedon proposal include a new entry way, site work for

parking and bus traffic updates and new mechanical and electrical systems. There was some discussion on to what degree the septic system would need to be addressed. The same concepts as to separating the gymnasium and cafeteria space were also discussed.

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Preliminary Phasing Discussion

The committee then began a discussion on preliminary phasing of construction activities – assuming voters approve a substantial bond proposal. Ron D. led off the discussion with a statement as to the impact that the sequence of work will have on financing. Bonding would likely occur in a series as the District would not want to pay interest on money it couldn't immediately spend as a result of phased construction. It was noted that the District's financial advisor would be present for the next committee meeting. Based on a potentially successful November 2017 bond, the earliest major construction activities would take place in summer of 2019. Ted Moore followed that by reminding all that once construction began, work of some sort would take place year round, taking into account limitations placed by holding school in session.

The final topic was a brief question by Steve Duane asking as to the standard required for committee approval of final steps, *i.e.* does the committee require unanimous consent to advance a proposal to the School Board. Chris Waltz answered that unanimous consent would be ideal, but a majority vote is all that is required.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting Dates

- May 10, 2017 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.