



Hardin-Jefferson I.S.D.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the November 02, 2006 Facilities Committee Meeting

Board Members Present: Mike Attaway, Gary Hidalgo

Staff Members Present:

Shannon Holmes, Dr. Jamey Harrison, Sandra Sherman, Susie Taylor, Joel Nolte, Gretchen Scoggins, Sue Bruce

Committee Members Present:

Michelle Yentzen, Hal Johnston, John Traugott, Dianne MacKenzie, LaCarla Spears, Merlin Breaux, Clarence Russell, Julie Radley, Zeke Provost, Tammy Ballard, Angie Mackan, Angela Mireles, Waynette Cooley, Lawrence Riley, Mike McGill, Gene Broussard, Dan Stevens, Laura Stillwell, Gail Davis, Ronnie Pfleider

I. Introductions

- Shannon Holmes introduced himself and then thanked those present for agreeing to participate in this process.
- Committee Structure – 6 communities (parents, business members, community members) and each campus is represented by one representative
- PowerPoint presentation by Dr. Harrison regarding the structure of the committee and learning of where we are with the district facilities.

II. Meeting Logistics

- The committee came to consensus that meeting at 5:00 p.m. every other Thursday is a good tentative schedule.
- Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 5:00 at China Elementary

III. Contact Information

- Page 6 and 7 holds information on all committee members and staff members

IV. Committee Charge

- Mr. Holmes reviewed the charge for the committee which was approved by the board at the last regular meeting. The committee will study our needs and make a recommendation to the board by February. This committee is authorized by the board. Recommendations will be made to

the board. Mr. Holmes and Dr. Harrison will facilitate the meetings and the staff will assist in providing information and data.

V. Committee Information

- Committee questionnaire in the packet was pointed out; information was requested from the committee to be noted on the form in the packet.
- Link on the new website will hold all information used and information reported. Feel free to share with the community. All meetings are being posted just like the board meetings. Anyone is welcome to attend.

VI. District Data Presentation

VII. Bond History is forthcoming to be added to the notebook.

VIII. Q&A from Facilities Committee

- Zeke Provost inquired about a timeframe for proposal. Dr. Harrison explained that schools now only have two options for bond elections: May and November. He further explained that this May is attractive because taxes associated with a bond can be wrapped into a 33 cent buy down on the tax rate from the state.
- Dr. Harrison explained that a May election has to be called for by March 12th.
- The committee goal is to have a committee recommendation by February to board to make declaration timeline.
- Mr. Breaux asked about the impact upon businesses with the 50 cents tax buy down from the state. Dr. Harrison explained he was not an expert in business taxes, but from his understanding of the package put together by the John Sharp commission included taxing more businesses rather than raising taxes on businesses that are already being taxed. Mrs. McKenzie added that she learned in a meeting of small business owners that limited partnerships will be impacted but not sole-proprietors. Mr. Hidalgo added that the state was projecting a \$12 billion dollar surplus. Dr. Harrison added that cigarettes will be taxed at a higher rate.
- Mike McGill asked that if M&O would be paid down \$1 to \$1.04 next year, where would raises come from? Mr. Hidalgo stated from the state.
- Mike McGill \$20 million does not go very far in this day and age in building. Dr. Harrison stated schools are built to last 40-50 years. We hopefully will develop a long-range solution for building/maintenance.
- Mike McGill stated that base construction must be a factor in the decision making for the long term. Dr. Harrison said administrators support solid construction verses building more with poor quality.

Dr. Harrison asked for members to please email or call with questions.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2006 5pm China Elementary
Jim Owens from Region IV will be present
Tour of the campus

Group Leadership: Co-Chairs are desired
Nominations at the next meeting

December 7th is designated for tour of schools in other districts.
An architect will hopefully be selected soon.

Turn in membership sheets on the desk.

If there is any information you would like compiled, let us know.

The meeting was adjourned.