



Hardin-Jefferson I.S.D.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the November 30, 2006 Facilities Committee Meeting

Staff Members Present: Shannon Holmes, Dr. Jamey Harrison, Dru Mushlian, Sandra Sherman, Joel Nolte, David Martel and Randy O'Bannion

Committee Members Present: Tammy Ballard, Merlin Breaux, Gerard Celestine, Waynette Cooley, Angela Mackan, Dianne MacKenzie, Angela Mireles, Kim Pelt, Ronnie Pfleider, Zeke Provost, Julie Radley, L. V. Riley, Sharon Richard, Clarence Russell, Dan Stevens, John Traugott, Michelle Yentzen

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

Invocation

Clarence Russell gave the invocation.

Introductions and Meeting Logistics

- Shannon Holmes stated that the committee would not be taking a tour of other school districts on December 7th. He and Dr. Harrison had lunch with the co-chairs, Mrs. MacKenzie and Mr. Breaux and they decided that at this time it would be better to wait until the committee has had a chance to tour all our facilities first. Mr. Holmes asked the committee members if the scheduled meeting times were working for them and if they felt that they could get more accomplished by staying longer and meeting less often or keep the schedule as is. The committee chose to keep the meetings at 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays.
- Mr. Holmes asked the co-chairs if they wished to address the committee.

Dianne MacKenzie stated it was a privilege and a responsibility to be on this committee and she stressed the importance of remembering the children and their futures during this process as well as the responsibility to the tax payers of the district. She stated she is open to any phone calls from any member and she will listen to anything they have to say.

Merlin Breaux stated that each member of the committee has a responsibility to educate the community or they will vote against the bond issue. Do not rely on the Superintendent and staff to educate the community. If each member does this

then a load is taken off the superintendent. He suggested taking the reports from the Facility Assessment from each campus and read them carefully.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Zeke Provost, seconded by Michelle Yentzen, approving the minutes of the November 16, 2006 minutes as presented. All voted for the motion.

Facility Financing Basics

- Lewis Wilks from Coastal Securities presented different financing alternatives and funding assistance programs to the committee. Mr. Wilks explained the five different ways a school district could finance school facilities and the impact on tax payers.

Mr. Wilks explained that the last day to call a May 12, 2006 election would be March 12, 2006. He discussed with the committee what temporary branch voting was and how it could be applied to Hardin-Jefferson.

- Amador Reyna of the Hardin County Appraisal District along with Mike Olendorff and Kenneth Hitt with Capital Appraisal Group gave information on the process of valuing and assessing property in the Hardin-Jefferson district. They discussed the methods used for their expectations of future values for Hardin-Jefferson.

Presentation of District-wide Facilities Study

Due to time constraints, Jim Owens with Region 5 briefly addressed the Facility Assessment for the high.

Tour of Facilities

The committee took a tour of the high school campus. Following the tour, Mr. Holmes stated that the outbuildings that were not on the tour were the Athletic Field House, the Ag Shop, the Welding Shop and the Tan Practice Gym.

Question and Answer Session

Mr. Holmes had given each member a survey that Lamar University would be conducting on-behalf of Hardin-Jefferson ISD. Several members had questions regarding the survey. Following discussion, it was decided the survey would be reworded and postponed until a later date.

Discussion of next meeting

The next meeting will be in the Library at Henderson Middle School on December 14th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.