



Hardin-Jefferson I.S.D.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the February 6, 2007 Facilities Committee Meeting

Board Members Present: Gary Hidalgo, Mike Attaway

Staff Members Present: Superintendent Shannon Holmes, Dr. Jamey Harrison, Dru Mushlian, Joel Nolte, Melanie Nunez, Mary Alice Jones, Randy O'Bannion, Gretchen Scoggins

Committee Members Present: Gene Broussard, Waynette Cooley, Rich Courville, Hal Johnston, Dianne MacKenzie, Angela Mireles, Kim Pelt, Ronnie Pfeider, Zeke Provost, Julie Radley, Sharon Richard, L. V. Riley, Clarence Russell, Dan Stevens, Laura Stillwell, John Traugott, Michelle Yentzen

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Invocation

Shannon Holmes gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Diane MacKenzie, seconded by Rich Courville, approving the minutes of the February 1st meeting as presented. All members present voted for the motion.

Architect Presentation

Superintendent Shannon Holmes turned the meeting over to architect Ron Bailey. Mr. Bailey presented the committee with the two remaining options along with the updated costs for each. The committee members then discussed the pros and cons of each option.

- Option 4: Change grade alignment to PreK-K, 6-8, and 9-12; Replace China Elementary with a new school to house 500 students; Build a new high school for 800 students; Retire Henderson MS and convert old High School into a New Middle School for Grades 6-8. Total capacity 2595

Costs:

New Elementary School (Utilize Kindergarten Building).....	\$7,858,410.00
New High School for 800 Students	\$22,488,852.00
Renovations to other campuses.....	\$3,632,650.00
Total	\$33,979,912.00
Soft Costs	3,967,612.00
Grand Total	\$37,947,524.00

- Option 5: Change grade alignment to PreK-5, 6-8, and 9-12; Retire China Elementary School and relocate PreK-5 to old Middle School; Build a New High School for 800

students; Convert old High School into a New Middle School for grades 6-8. Total capacity 2600

Costs:

Addition and Renovations to Convert Old Middle School	
To New Elementary School (Utilize Existing Cafeteria/Kitchen, Gym, Band Hall, and 6 th Grade Wing.....	\$6,128,406.00
Renovations to Other Campuses.....	\$3,632,650.00
New High School for 800 Students	<u>\$22,488,852.00</u>
Total	\$32,249,908.00
Soft Costs	<u>3,742,711.00</u>
Grand Total	\$35,992,619.00

After much discussion, the committee took a vote on which option they wanted for their Master Plan. The vote was 14 to 1 for option 5 as the preferred Master Plan. Two members abstained.

Dr. Harrison presented additional information to the committee on Homestead Tax Levy. His information gave different tax scenarios for a \$32 million and \$35 million bond issue assuming current property values with no growth or decline.

Mr. Holmes explained that the committee needs to agree on a dollar amount that they were comfortable with and that they felt the voters would approve to recommend to the Board. After further discussion on possible cost savings, the committee agreed to exclude the Ag Shop from the New High School (to be done by M&O) at a cost savings of \$500,000.00. This would bring the cost of Option 5 down to \$35,437,619.00. They will make their final decision on the amount at the next meeting.

There was discussion on the voter registration deadline. Dianne MacKenzie is now a voter registrar and she said that a person needs to be registered 30 days before an election. She can register a voter in Jefferson County.

Mr. Bailey emphasized the importance of having the committee present at the February 19th Board meeting when the recommendation is made to the Board. He said that they need to think about who they want to make the presentation. Mr. Holmes said the deadline to call a bond election was March 12th.

Discussion of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 15, 2007 in the Hardin-Jefferson ISD Administration Building Elementary at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.