

Long Range Facilities Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2009

Attendees: Charles Oestreich
Donald Ludwig
Dr. Jack Jensen
Dr. Nick Boren
Larry Jones
Dr. Wanda Brown
Bruce Whitesides
Christy Serrage
Dr. Ines Segert
Linda Quinley
Oscar Carter
Dr. Tom Rose
Dr. Sally Beth Lyon

Guests: Dr. Mary Laffey
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Minutes from the June 25, 2009 were approved. Motion by Dr. Jack Jensen

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by Dr. Nick Boren

Continuation of the Field and Bearfield discussion.

Dr. Segert discussed the goals that have been complied by various task forces.

1. Improve educational advocacy **Primary objective
2. Alternative programs for secondary students
3. Safety of students and surrounding neighborhoods
4. Decrease leased properties
5. Decrease the number of mobile classrooms
6. Become operationally efficient
7. Use of stimulus money

Special Education stimulus money would allow for the purchase/renovation of a facility to help achieve the goals.

Special Education stimulus money

- a. Title I – 2.3M
- b. Special Ed Fund – 4.0M

This is a one time opportunity. We can use \$2M for Special Education or in part for Special Education however it would need to be approved by DESE.

A new property was brought to the district's attention at 4600 Bethel Road. Obtaining this property would allow the district to reduce the number of leased

properties (2 leased buildings- Bearfield and Bernadette) as well as mobile classrooms helping to achieve some of the goals already identified. The leases at Bernadette and Bearfield total ~\$200,000 per year.

Dr. Lyons presented a Power Point presentation with pictures of the Bethel property and 5 different scenarios for what could be done with Field and Bearfield if the district was able to secure the property.

The Bethel Pr

1. There is some confusion between CPS plans for Bearfield/Field and the housing of homeless teenagers.
2. Concerns that the area is not ready for another troubled population.
3. A lot of support for the appropriate education of those served by Bearfield. The neighborhood values Field and its character. They fear that some planned enhancements such as a fence might give the building the look of a detention center.
4. Distrust of the District and agencies in general regarding motive and the way decisions are made. This is a vital concern.
5. Other agencies are trying to put Early Childhood facilities in the neighborhood and the District might be able to help boost these other agencies.

John, also with the NCACA, spoke regarding the demographics of the programs that could be housed at Field. Make the school a school for the whole attendance area but also specially for the North Central Area. He felt that investing in the Central city would be a good idea. John also echoed Dan's list of neighborhood concerns.

Dr. Brown felt that the programs that were put together in each scenario were programs that were very fluid and would work well together.

Dr. Segert asked if the Committee was ready to make a recommendation to the Board and then asked for a motion. Tom Rose, motion; Don Ludwig, 2nd. – Motion passed.

There was some discussion among the Committee members that this was a good thing, the Bethel building had good transportation flow, was on the bus line, and was also a good use of stimulus money.

The Board will have to take action from this point forward regarding the purchase of the Bethel property.

The Committee decided that at the next meeting the preliminary bond plan for 2010 would need to be discussed. A report would need to be presented to the Board by October.

Future meetings were scheduled with the decision to go back to 2 meetings per month for 1 ½ hours. The time will now be from 3:30-5:00 the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Some of the meetings will be held at the Board Office and others will be held at Building Services.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25