

Long Range Facilities Planning Committee

can sell or issue the bonds as needed. The Board has an obligation to the voters to use the bonds in a correct way.

Bonding Capacity:

Districts have the ability to issue bonds without a tax increase and sell outstanding bonds up to 15% of assessed valuation. Assessed valuation is 32% commercial; 19% residential; 12% agricultural; 33% personal property. A combination of all combined

issued before the end of the calendar year. These bonds are only good in 2009. Districts have to know what the proceeds will be used for by years end and have contracts in pla

Inflation that leads to interest rates rising would be a worse case scenario. The District is using assumption rates of 4.5%, it would be a problem if it were to rise to 10%. The likely hood of that happening is almost zero.

The City and UMC Community Policy Analysis Center has some employment growth scenarios for Columbia out to 2015 and it show some modest growth.

4. Building Services:

Charles Oestreich presented an opportunity regarding a proposal that was received to purchase the Building Services building plus two additional district surplus properties. This proposal would allow for all of Building Services to be under one roof and eliminate the need for the extra bus parking on LeMone Dr. which would save the District money because the cost of that parking is rolled into the transportation contract. The cost associated with the space on LeMone will be increasing considerably. Before moving forward, the Building Services building would need to be declared a surplus property. The property would then need to be listed with a realtor or auctioned off. Mr. Oestreich felt that having the property auctioned was a better solution so there would be no realtor fees. Mr. Oestreich has asked to place this item on the next meeting's agenda so that he can provide more information to the Committee.

5. Agenda Items for September 24

Agenda items for the September 24th meeting were discussed.

6. Discussion and Adjournment

The Committee discussed the possibility of having a joint meeting with the Finance Committee. The Committee would like to finalize their recommendations and vote at the September 24th meeting so that a presentation can be prepared for the October board meeting.

Bruce Whitesides informed the Committee that the city is having an impact study regarding the new high school at Two Mile Prairie on September 22nd.

Don Ludwig is doing analysis on home boundaries, if there is growth there will be no new elementary built until after 2014 when the District can ask voters to vote on bonds. This new elementary would tentatively open in the fall of 2016. However if the Board votes to send the bond plan to the voters in April, and money was left over from the build of the new high school, excess money could be used to put additions onto existing buildings. Adding the additions would fall under renovations that are already part of the bond language.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.