

**Beaver Dam Unified School District
Board of Education Minutes**

Special Meeting

March 1, 2012

A special meeting of the Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education was held on the above date at the Educational Service Center. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President, Marge Jorgensen. Board members present were Bev Beal-Loeck, Dan Feuling (arrived at 5:33 p.m.), Jean Hill, Marge Jorgensen, Lisa Panzer, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent were Kim Darst and Chad Prieve.

Mr. Kim Hassell and Mr. Nick Kent from Plunkett Raysich Architects presented cost estimates for the building maintenance and additions options from the facilities study.

Mr. Kent reviewed and explained the three identified categories of need. Level 1 are the most pressing needs which need to be addressed in next 1-2 years. Level 2 need addressing, but are not at the end of their life cycle and need to be addressed in 2-4 years. Level 3 items are future needs that can be addressed in 5 or more years. All of the items from the study have been assigned a level. The cost estimates include all work done by qualified contractors in 2012 dollars. The estimates do not include furniture, equipment, movable objects, asbestos abatement, or land acquisition costs. He presented a cost summary by school and level and explained that each school has a more detailed breakdown.

Mr. Hassell reviewed the three specific items that need to be addressed immediately that were explained at the last meeting. The items include relocating the underground boiler room at the Middle School, renovating the High School kitchen and cafeteria, and remodeling the High School science rooms. The cost for these items is \$2,310,000 and they need to be addressed in any of the options brought forward. The costs requested to update all facilities for technology and security is not included in any of the options. These items can be selected if there's a decision to incorporate them. The cost for asbestos removal is also not included in the options and will need to be added.

Mr. Hassell explained this is the third step of the process and to move forward requires the board to take action on an option. After a decision is made, they will then do more detail and cost estimates. This is the stopping point of the study.

Mr. Kent and Mr. Hassell reviewed the 5 options.

- Option 1 only addresses priority 1 maintenance items at all the schools and the immediate needs at the Middle School and High School. The total cost estimate is \$7,871,571. The pros are it's the least expensive and logistically the simplest. The cons are it doesn't address space needs, building inefficiencies, or life cycles of existing buildings.
- Option 2 includes the addition to Prairie View Elementary School to accommodate the students from Trenton Elementary School, closing Trenton, priority 1 maintenance items at all the schools, and satisfying existing needs at the Middle School and High School. The cost

estimate for this option is \$10,199,471, of which \$2,592,000 is for the addition to Prairie View. This option does not address any of the future space capacity issues or the life cycle of South Beaver Dam Elementary School.

- Option 3 is the construction of a new elementary school, closing South Beaver Dam and Trenton Elementary Schools, priority 1 maintenance items at all the schools, and satisfying existing needs at the Middle School and High School. The cost estimate for this option is \$16,757,171. The pros for this option are it provides for future space capabilities, consolidates the district by closing 2 outlying schools, and it provides a better educational environment. The con is the cost and a site needs to be located and acquired.
- Option 4 includes additions to Washington and Jefferson Elementary Schools for 175 additional students to each school giving them each a capacity of 350 students. This option also incorporates priority 1 maintenance items at all the schools, satisfying existing needs at the Middle School and High School, and closing South Beaver Dam and Trenton Elementary Schools. The cost estimate for this option is \$16,092,171. The pros are it provides for future space capabilities at the elementary grade levels, closes 2 buildings, and provides a better educational environment.
- Option 5 proposes closing South Beaver Dam and Trenton Elementary Schools, with an addition to Prairie View Elementary School, and includes priority 1 maintenance items at all the schools, and satisfying existing needs at the Middle School and High School. The cost estimate of this option is \$15,007,171. It satisfies existing space needs and consolidates students at one site instead of two, which reduces the cost. Prairie View Elementary School is fairly up to date and it will take advantage of what's already there.

Mr. Hassell explained that they have provided all the information from a statistical standpoint for decisions to be made. The district will provide other cost and funding information for the board to move forward. He provided information on the placement of the greenhouse at the High School. They looked at replacement of the current greenhouse, including the current location and expansion of kitchen and cafeteria as well. The courtyard would still be a proper place for a greenhouse, but there is some concern due to the difficulty of construction in a courtyard. It is a good location because of its immediate location to the science rooms. An alternate location is on the McKinley Street side of the building. They need more time to gather information.

There were questions regarding the expansion of the High School kitchen and cafeteria and the affect of an expansion on the greenhouse in the courtyard.

Mr. Hassell explained that they factored in the High School transitioning to a closed campus. Their initial calculation is based on a 75% population being in the cafeteria at one time. They want to confirm numbers before finalizing any expansion. The area is being expanded due to the closed campus and to make it more efficient. The greenhouse area in the courtyard would be affected. It will help if the greenhouse is done at the same time as the kitchen and cafeteria. If the greenhouse is done separately, it will cost more. The tendency is to move the greenhouse to the alternate location.

It was confirmed that none of the options include technology or security and it would alter the cost of any option.

Mr. Steve Vessey, Superintendent, said the technology upgrade is provided as part of the approved technology plan.

There was discussion regarding the Middle School electrical area and the High School science rooms remodel.

Mr. Hassell said they will be available to answer questions at one of the public open house meetings.

There were questions regarding a possible gym addition to Prairie View Elementary School.

Mr. Hassell explained that they reviewed gym, cafeteria, and library space and found it to be adequate for the additional students. They also looked at elective classes of music and art and an additional art or music classroom won't be necessary to accommodate the additional students. A 3-4 section classroom is ideal to maximize the use of the building.

There was discussion regarding the number of sections there would be with additions to Washington and Jefferson Elementary Schools, the possibility of completing additions in phases, and parking needs at Prairie View Elementary School.

Mr. Vessey shared a proposed timeline that ends with a decision to be made in June. The timeline will be finalized at the March 12th board meeting. There will be several board workshops and community meetings, along with the monthly coffee conversations and radio show. A survey will be placed on the Feasibility Study page of the website for the public to provide feedback. There will be a board workshop on March 28th to review costs for closing South Beaver Dam and Trenton Elementary Schools and to review borrowing and financial options.

Mr. Vesey thanked Mr. Hassell and Plunkett Raysich for being so accommodating and flexible with meetings and getting information.

Spielman moved, Tyjeski seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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Marge Jorgensen, President

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Joanne Tyjeski, Clerk