

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Dec. 15, 2008
7:30 pm – 10:45 pm

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Public: 150 Staff: 10 Press: 2
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board had been in closed session since 6:00 pm to consider the employment of employee, property acquisition/lease/purchase, collective negotiations, student discipline, student residency, closed session minutes discussion/review and approval of closed session minutes (11/17/08).

President Davy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition: The York High School Madrigal Singers performed some Holiday selections.

Public Comment: Two Emerson Parents thanked Dr. Krizic for coming to the Emerson PTA meeting and for the 5-classroom addition recommendation for Emerson that she will be making to the Board. They encouraged the Board to support the recommendation.

Superintendent's Communications/Agenda:

A. Emerson Building Project - During the past several months, concept plans for a four-classroom and five-classroom addition, parking lot/playground reconfiguration and school office/school entrance reconfiguration were developed. District administrative staff, professional services staff, teachers, and parents provided input into these concept plans.

A comparison of the costs associated with a four-classroom/office/site (\$4,061,108.25) and five-classroom/office/site option (\$4,331,531.81) demonstrated there was a maximum cost difference of \$270,423.55 between them. Rather than come back to this item later in the evening, the following motion was made and seconded:

- Move to commence the process to finalize design documents, develop and seek bids and begin construction of Emerson Elementary School 5-classroom addition, parking lot/playground and office/entrance reconfiguration, \$4,331,532.

There was discussion about walkers crossing the parking lot and the plan in general. The motion carried.

C. Capital Project Update – The district's ten year capital plan has identified the Bryan parking lot, the York track, and the York fences surrounding the athletic fields as needing immediate attention to further enhance the safety of the district's facilities. The York track project has been deferred for more than a year while the district investigated the feasibility of a turf project.

The projected cost of the Bryan Middle School parking lot project is \$664,388 and the projected cost of the York track and athletic fence replacement is \$661,802. The Fire Life Safety Fund has been identified as the funding source for the Bryan Parking Lot project while the Capital Projects Fund has been identified as the funding source for the York Track and Fencing project. Rather than come back to this item later in the evening, the following motion was made and seconded:

- Move to commence the process to finalize design documents, develop and seek bids and begin construction on Capital Projects at Bryan Middle School and York High School (\$1,326,190).

Mrs. Ostojic asked about contingency funding if the state does not approve these life safety projects. Pat Masterton, Assistant Superintendent for Finance replied that these projects would probably be approved, but if not, there are Capital funds that would be available for the project. The motion carried.

B. Stadium Project Update – The Superintendent’s Stadium Task Force was formed in December 2007. This Task Force was authorized to evaluate the replacement of the natural grass field with a synthetic turf field to maximize use of the property for a full schedule of PE classes, year round athletics, band and youth community activities; develop a plan to relocate the field events and recommend the logical timeframe to resurface the old track; identify current and projected costs, identify feasibility of private funding sources and a not-for-profit conduit, present a realistic timeline for fundraising and construction and make a recommendation for a private/public partnership project.

The current estimated cost of the entire project is \$2,320,626. In addition to the private donations and pledges, which currently total about \$850,000, the utilization of debt certificates are the two identified funding sources for this project. Revenue sources to pay for the debt certificates have been identified.

The projected timeline is 10-14 weeks, starting at the end of May/ beginning of June 2009 and concluding in August/September 2009. The stadium field will begin to see immediate use for the fall semester for students and the community. Rather than come back to this item later in the evening, the following motion was made and seconded:

- Move to commence the process to finalize design documents, develop and seek bids and begin construction on the York Stadium Project (not to exceed \$2,320,626).

Board members discussed various aspects of this project, as well as expressing concern about the decisions made would affect the early childhood program at Madison. Ms. Masterton replied that there was \$500,000 to get Madison Early Childhood “up and running this fall.”

The motion carried.

Superintendent’s Agenda: The Board approved:

- Minutes of 11/11/08 and 11/17/08.
- Consent Agenda
 - Personnel Report
 - Financial Reports (payment of bills, monthly statements, ratification of investments)
 - Authorization destruction of verbatim recordings of closed session minutes.
 - To open designated closed session minutes and keep all other closed session minutes closed.
 - District Mission, Vision, Beliefs and Strategic Action Plan.
 - Use of on-line student registration system (InfoSnap - an on-line student enrollment and registration, at a cost of \$24,000 initially and \$18,000 annually thereafter.)
 - Use Sentinel Technologies to conduct Middle School Wireless Audit (\$7,948).
 - Contract for Construction Liaison (not to exceed \$40,000 with Mr. George Klein to provide construction liaison services for the proposed upcoming capital projects.)
 - Donation to Edison Elementary School (accept the donation to Edison Elementary School for eight Interwrite Pads in the amount of \$3,440.00.)
 - Donation to Hawthorne Elementary School (accept the donation of a used color laser printer with a value of less than \$500.)
- Action Item (This item was taken after the action on closed session items.)
- Approval of Parameters Resolution for the Issuance of Debt Certificates:
 - Not to exceed \$7,000,000
 - \$2,250,000 is for 5 years and for the stadium project.
 - \$4,500,000 is for 20 years for the 162 N. York property acquisition (see below) to include the cost of the property, the renovation of the property and the renovation of

Madison for the Early Childhood program.

Board Communications: Mrs. Davy announced that Mr. Thrall and she had attended the annual TIF meeting at City Hall on Dec. 1st with Dr. Krizic and Ms. Masterton. Mrs. DeRonne commented on finally having online registration. Mr. Thrall was also pleased that the Strategic Plan was approved. (Both were in the Consent agenda.)

Action on Closed Session Items: The Board approved:

- An extension of a retirement date.
- A one-year extension of a retirement agreement.
- Expulsion of Student B and C for the remainder of the 08-09 school year, effective immediately.
- To dis-enroll student MH as on 12/19 and charge \$4729 for tuition this student should pay because the student was not a resident.
- The resolution to purchase the building at 162 N. York Rd.