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Facilities Study Committee Minutes January 28, 2009

Attending: Jim Brooks, Miles Caples, Diane Grover, Keith Vradenburg,
Randy Whitehall, Mike Wyant

Tom Bassett of Forte Architects

1. Study and Survey

- a. Tom Bassett: Forte Architects: Mr. Bassett talked a little bit about the process his firm would use to lead us through the study and survey process. He answered the committee's questions and provided additional useful information.
- b. Board approval to proceed: At the January 21, 2009 meeting, the Board approved proceeding with a formal study and survey.
- c. Advertisement for services: The committee discussed whether to advertise for architectural services for the study and survey or whether to engage the services of Forte Architects without advertising. Mike talked with Bob Risinger, superintendent in Omak, on January 29. Risinger has extensive experience in at least three districts with all phases of school design and construction. Risinger spoke very highly of Mr. Bassett's work in the Omak School District and strongly recommended him. However, Risinger also recommended that we advertise for services prior to selecting an architect in order to avoid any appearance of favoritism. We have placed an advertisement requesting inquiries of interest. We will be able to act on the inquiries February 13. Mike also talked with Superintendents Brian Fiones (Wenatchee) and Rob Clark (Cascade), both of whom highly recommended Tom Bassett and had no reservations about any of his work in their districts.
- d. Timeline
We expect formal approval from OSPI of our request for the study and survey grant in March. Approval is a formality.
We receive our funds on a reimbursement basis. We complete the study and survey. The architectural firm bills us. We submit the bill to OSPI for reimbursement.

2. Property

- a. Arrangements for the appraisals of the two pieces of property have been made.
- b. The BLM staff in the Wenatchee office gave many reasons why they discouraged our interest in acquiring the property along Highway 97. We will continue looking into the possibility anyway.

3. Economic stimulus funds

OSPI has posted a table that shows how much each district could expect to receive in federal economic stimulus funds if the House of Representative version of the stimulus package were to be approved. Our amount would be \$62,000.

4. Other / Next meeting date and time

We scheduled our next committee meeting for Thursday, March 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the Home Economics room.