

**Entiat School District Facilities Committee**  
**Meeting minutes**  
**September 4, 2012**

**Attending:** Lori Anderson, John Barnes, Tom Bassett, Jim Brooks, Miles Caples, Tammy Giacomazzi, Diane Grover, Rick Long, Mike Wyant

**Absent:** Leo Quezada, Jose Quezada, Jim Smothers, Keith Vradenburg, Randy Whitehall, Julie Zielke

**Updated drawings:** Tom Bassett proved an updated site drawing that includes the proposed sports facility and the parking lot at the north end of the site where a playfield is now. Tom will send the drawings to us electronically.

**Questions:**

Mike identified the following questions. Answers have either been provided or further research is still necessary.

**Road improvements to Dunn Street:** There has been discussion but it is still not entirely clear what would be done, what the cost would be, and who would pay. Keith Vradenburg said there is a written agreement between the city and the district regarding this question. The district has been unable to find a copy of the agreement in its records.

**Acquisition of property from Don and Linda Olin:** The committee asked Mike to talk further with the Olin's about how they would see a land acquisition work as soon as Linda is feeling well enough to meet.

**Split ballot option:** Having a second proposal contingent on approval of the first is an option. The bond attorney will attend the board work session on Sept. 20 to talk with us about this. Facilities committee members are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Debt capacity:** We know that a combined bond (elementary and sports projects) would push the district very near to its debt capacity. A representative from the bond underwriting firm (Seattle Northwest Securities) will consult with us by phone during the Sept. 20 board workshop regarding this matter. John Barnes wondered if the sports facility cost could be trimmed back in order to lessen the debt capacity impact. Discussion followed. No consensus was reached.

**Athletic facilities priorities:** Mike noted that there have been inquiries about why a sports facility would eliminate the baseball/softball field. None of these inquiries was made directly to the district.

**Survey of facilities committee members:** In order to see how close the committee is to agreeing on a recommendation to the board, we asked each committee member to state his or her position at this time. Mike attempted to summarize in writing each member's statement.

Lori Anderson: Supports placing both projects on the ballot. Supports a two proposition measure that would make approval of the sports facility contingent on approval of the elementary project.

Miles Caples: Favors a measure for the elementary project. Expressed concern about pushing up to the debt capacity limit.

Tammy Giacomazzi: Supports placing both projects on the ballot. Supports a two proposition measure that would make approval of the sports facility contingent on approval of the elementary project. Support hinges on clarity on acquisition of that part of the Olin property that would be necessary for the sports facility.

John Barnes: Supports placing both projects on the ballot. Expressed the desire to give voters the opportunity to decide whether to fund both projects.

Rick Long: Supports placing both projects on the ballot. Supports a two proposition measure that would make approval of the sports facility contingent on approval of the elementary project. Wondered if the cost of the sports facility could be reduced.

Mike Wyant: Higher priority is the elementary project. If both propositions go on the ballot, supports a two proposition measure that would make approval of the sports facility contingent on approval of the elementary project. Believes that sports/grounds facilities needs more study as it has not been given much study in the process to date.

Diane Grover: Higher priority is the elementary project. Supports a two proposition measure that would make approval of the sports facility contingent on approval of the elementary project. Has concerns about unanswered questions about property acquisition and Dunn Street.

Tom Bassett: As a consultant rather than a member of the decision-making committee, Tom did not take a stance on the matter.

Julie Zielke: (Julie sent her recommendation by e-mail.) Supports placing both projects on the ballot. Supports a two proposition measure that would make approval of the sports facility contingent on approval of the elementary project.

Keith Vradenburg: (Keith provided his recommendation by phone.) Supports placing both projects on the ballot. Supports a two proposition measure that would make approval of the sports facility contingent on approval of the elementary project. Concerned about the absence of a baseball/softball field in the sports complex plan.

Jose Quezada: (by phone, Jose said that he does not have a recommendation at this time.

Mike was unable to talk with Leonardo Quezada, Jim Smothers, or Randy Whitehall prior to distributing the meeting minutes.

On 9/5/12 Keith Vradenburg provided a summary of comments he received at a community advisory meeting on 9/4/12. Those who attended were members of various committees such as the tree board, the city planning commission and the park board. Following is Keith's summary of comments.

At a meeting of City boards and commissions last night, I brought up the facilities plan.

Here are some questions they brought up.

1. Why not do a complete plan? If you eliminate the baseball field will they (school) come back in a few years asking for more funds to build a baseball field?
2. Most were very favorable for the remodel plans of the elementary and especially the cafeteria area.
3. The question was asked about voting. We have discussed this. Is the school going to vote on each separately? Most did not like this idea. Too easy to vote against one and not the other. Field remodeling would probably pass and not the building part. Most agreed on what we had discussed in facilities meetings. Vote for remodeling grade school and cafeteria areas, if a person votes yes, then vote for field remodeling. If a person votes no on elementary area, does not vote on field area.
4. The park in the gravel pit area was discussed, the two little league fields planned for this park would not be suitable for high school baseball, girls or boys.

**Misc.** John Barnes informed the committee that there will be a contingent of community members at the September 20 board meeting to urge the board to put the sports facility proposal on the ballot.

**Next meeting:** The committee will meet again on Tuesday, September 25 at 5:00 p.m. in the school library.