

ENTIAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 127

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Facilities Study Committee Minutes November 15, 2011

Committee Member List / Attending (names in bold text):

Lori Anderson, John Barnes, Tom Bassett, Jim Brooks, Miles Caples, Tammi Giacomazzi, Diane Grover, Rick Long, Jose Quezada, Leonardo Quezada, Jim Smothers, Keith Vradenburg, Randy Whitehall, Mike Wyant, Julie Zielke

1. Discussion of compromise solutions

Tom Bassett began the meeting by taking the committee through a review of the priorities that were identified in the study and survey of the district's facilities. Then he discussed the difficulty he has had in arriving at a solution that addresses the priorities, making the best possible use of existing and available space.

There was consensus among committee members that modernizing the elementary, getting rid of the portable building, adding a new addition to the elementary, and adding a commons are the highest priorities.

Replacement of the locker rooms has been a stumbling block because putting the commons in the area between the middle school and the locker rooms/gym would pretty much require building new locker rooms. The cost of building new locker rooms is high. New locker rooms, while desirable, are not as high a priority as other projects.

Discussion turned to looking again at putting a commons in the space between the blue gym and elementary building as a compromise solution. The committee concluded that modernizing the elementary would allow for configuring middle/high school access to the commons in a way that would not result in older students mixing with elementary students.

There was also some discussion about moving offices (principal, secretaries, and possibly district office) to the north edge of the commons. Doing that would allow the area where the offices are now to be reconfigured into a special education/special services space that would be central to both wings.

The committee also discussed redesigning playground, parking, and bus loading space in the context of an addition to the elementary wing and a commons between the blue gym and elementary.

Tom Basset will work on a basic drawing of the ideas that the committee discussed. He will also put some rough costs to the concepts. Tom will have the drawings and costs for the December 13 committee meeting.

2. Dollars and cents

When the current bond ends in 2013, voters will be paying something around \$1.10 / \$1,000 of assessed property value for the bond. Voters will probably also be paying somewhere between \$2.25 and \$2.75 / 1,000 for the maintenance and operations levy.

The district is probably eligible for about _____ dollars in state matching money to modernize the elementary.

Beginning in 2014 with a new bond, a rate of:

\$1.20 / \$1,000 would generate about 3.5 million dollars.

\$2.50 / \$1,000 would generate about 7.5 million dollars.

\$3.83 / \$1,000 would generate about 11.3 million dollars (the greatest amount the district has the legal authority to raise with a bond.)

The calculation is that about \$300,000 would be raised for every 10 cent increase in the tax rate.

5. Next meeting date

The next committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 13 in the school library.