

Entiat School District Facilities Committee
Meeting Minutes
8/20/12

The committee met at 5:00 p.m. in the library. Those attending were John Barns, Tom Bassett, Jim Brooks, Miles Caples, Tammy Giacomazzi, Diane Grover, Jose Quezada, Keith Vradenburg, Mike Wyant, Julie Zielke

The agenda was to:

1. Discuss the architect's plan and cost estimate for a football, soccer, track and field facility

Committee members discussed the plan and costs and asked questions.

2. List any additional questions that need to be answered before the committee can develop a recommendation for the board

These questions were raised.

Are there options for how a bond proposal is worded on the ballot? For example, could a ballot measure be written so that the modernization/new construction and a sports facility are different choices? Could the measure be written in such a way that voters could not reject the building project but approve the sports facility project?

According to the district's bond attorney, the answer is yes, there are multiple options, but there are some potential concerns about confusing voters with that option. Mike will ask the board having the attorney discuss the options either at a board workshop or a facilities committee meeting.

Would a measure that includes both the modernization/addition and the sports facility fit within the district's legal bonding capacity?

We consulted with the bond underwriter – Seattle Northwest Securities. The answer is no if the bonds were all sold in 2013. There are other variables to consider. We are going to need to look into this question much more closely before the board can make a decision. The estimated cost of the modernization/addition is \$7,952,000. The estimated cost of the sports facility is \$2,498,979. The total is \$10,450,979. The most recent calculation of the district's bonding capacity is \$10,302,087. Bonding capacity goes down with declining total assessed value. The district's total assessed value has declined this year so this is a potential issue. \$480,000 in outstanding debt (the old bond) will come off the books but not until the end of 2013.

What strategies will the committee and district staff use to share the most current information with the community and obtain additional community input and questions?

- **District open house on Sept. 19**
- **City council meeting on Sept. 13**

- **Visits to the post office at peak times**
- **Special facilities edition of the district newsletter**
- **Other community meetings**

3. Schedule the next facilities committee meeting

The next facilities committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4 at 5:00 p.m. in the school library.