



Monticello Community School District School Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes of November 29, 2017

The School Facilities Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, in the Board Room at the District Office at 6:00pm. Those present were: Aimee Hospodarsky, Angie McDonough, Audrey Savage, Brent Meier, Brian Jaeger, Dan Dailey, Deb Keating, Jayme Freye, Jeff Hinrichs, Jolene Kramer, Judy Hayen, Kayla Sperflage, Lisa Stadtmueller, Nick Miller, and Sheila Tjaden. Those absent were: Charlie Becker, Dom Hogan, John Schlarman, LJ Takes, Mary Melchert, Megan Brunscheen, Pam Goodyear, Phil Owen, Renee Adams, Ron Welter, Scott Brighton, and Tim Lambert.

Dr. Jaeger updated the committee on the events that have happened since our last meeting on October 18th. Since that meeting, the Board asked Dr. Jaeger to send out Request for Proposals (RFPs) to area architectural/engineering firms for their services on our facilities. We sent out 16 RFPs to architectural/engineering firms, and of those 16, 12 of them returned an RFP. A small committee reviewed the RFPs and narrowed down the firms to 4: FRK Architects & Engineers, DLR Group, OPN Architects, and HSR Associates). The board then interviewed the 4 firms on November 9 and at their November 27 Board Meeting, the Board selected OPN Architects as the firm to work with. Dr. Jaeger also researched tax information and spoke with Travis Squires from Piper Jaffray to better understand the tax implications for residential and agricultural.

The group was then asked “what thoughts have you had since the last meeting?” Dr. Jaeger responded with taxes. There were no other responses.

Next, Dr. Jaeger went over what market value, assessed value, assessment limitation factor, and taxable valuation all mean. He did a few tax exercises with the group.

The group was given the following homework: Go to the County Assessors site and figure out how much you would be paying in additional taxed if we asked for the full \$3.95 bond for \$21.6m. (*We will not be sharing*)

Jaeger then shared the perspectives that he received on our school facilities from the following: School Facility Committee, School Board, Staff, and Superintendent.

The question, “what answers or information do we still need to make a decision on school facilities?” was asked to the committee. Small groups discussed and Dr. Jaeger will share those questions with OPN Architects. (*See questions on page 2*)

At the next meeting, OPN Architects will be present.

This was a Facilities Committee Meeting no action or voting took place. The meeting concluded at 7:45pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 6:00pm.

Answers we need to make a decision on school facilities:

- How much will it cost to repair and bring each facility up to ADA standards? HS, MS, Shannon, Carpenter, Bus Barn (FEH 2012 Assessment)
- What are the costs of new build options...PreK-6 building, 7/8 addition to HS, etc...
- How do we narrow down our ideas to one plan? What is the process? How does OPN help with that?
- What are costs for demolition of old sites if we new build? Other options? We need a plan for old facilities.
- If we move to a one campus plan what will traffic flow, bussing, turn lanes, and parking look like?
- How much would it cost to move/rebuild our softball fields at another location?
- How long does it take to complete construction projects?
- Can we build over the geothermal fields? Options? What other heating cooling options are available? Are they more or less cost efficient? Can we build over geothermal and still have it operational?
- Is it cheaper to move softball fields and build there or to stop using geothermal and build there...what is the most cost effective solution?
- Is there enough space to build an elementary on the HS site? Location recommendations?
- Can the construction be completed in a way to minimize distractions to HS students?
- Can an elementary and 7/8 addition be built at the same time? Better in phases? Or which phase first? Construction traffic and education distraction?
- Advice for passing a bond issue? Strategy? Targeting specific groups...renters, students?
- What cost efficiencies would be created from building all buildings on one site? Data to support this?
- What is a realistic timeline?