



Monticello Community School District

School Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes of

April 25, 2018

The School Facilities Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, in the Board Room at the District Office at 6:00pm. Those present were: Aimee Hospodarsky, Angie McDonough, Audrey Savage, Brent Meier, Brian Jaeger, Charlie Becker, Dan Dailey, Deb Keating, Jayme Freye, Jeff Hinrichs, Jolene Kramer, Judy Hayen, Lisa Stadtmueller, Mary Melchert, Nick Miller, Ron Welter, and Sheila Tjaden. Roger Worm, Carly Weber, Susan Bowersox, and Vicki Hyland from OPN Architects and Board Member Dave Melchert were also present. Those absent were: Dom Hogan, John Schlarmann, Kayla Sperfslage, LJ Takes, Megan Brunscheen, Pam Goodyear, Phil Owen, Renee Adams, Scott Brighton, and Tim Lambert.

Brian Jaeger welcomed the group and asked the question “what thoughts have you had since the last meeting or what have people said when you talked with them”? Here were the responses:

- They were surprised at first about the proposed plan but then as you talked them thru it they were okay with it.
- Glad the elementary schools were included in the long term plan.
- What will we do with the old MS and what is the plan for that? Are we going to keep the gym?
- One new family that just moved to the area was glad her kids would not have to go to school at the in that building (the middle school).
- Some wanted everything done right away but understood why we can't.

Brian also updated the group on what has happened since our last meeting. The school board voted on how to pay for this project with \$15,000,000 (\$2.75 per 1000 taxable valuation property tax) coming from a general obligation bond and \$7,000,000 from revenue bonds (zero additional cost to property tax). This phase will build a 5-8 addition on to the HS, fix issues with gutters/brick and HVAC at HS, move the HS softball fields, and remodel the high school entrance to make it safer. The school board also had a discussion at their April 23 meeting on the phases of the plan and a handout was given to the group. And lastly, the next step will be for this committee to transfer into a ‘vote yes’ committee and Jeff Hinrichs has agreed to be the chairperson. Thank you Jeff! The first meeting for ‘vote yes’ will be on Wednesday, May 2 at 7 pm at the Jones County Youth Development Center in the small room. Each committee member is asked to invite 2-3 people to the meeting that would be good on that committee. The group will then have to decide on a name and slogan for the committee and also form some small groups with a chair person for each group to head things like: media/press releases/yard signs/printed materials/mailers/social media/door knocking/finance, etc.

Petitions for the Board to call an election were also handed out for everyone. We need 102 signatures and would like each committee member to get at least 18 signatures. The more we have the better. Petitions will also be put out at each school building and more are available at the district office. We need to have the petitions back by **noon on Friday, May 4th** so we can count them and have the Board call for the election at their May 9th Board meeting. Those signing for the petition are not necessarily voting for the bond issue, just asking the Board to call for the election. Those that can sign must meet these requirements:

- Must be a resident of the Monticello Community School District
- Must be an eligible voter (at least 18, resident of the U.S., and do not necessarily have to be registered to vote)

They must sign them using their full name without nicknames and have their full address with city and state, no PO Boxes and they must date it.

Carly Weber with OPN handed out a flyer that she wanted the committee to look over and add suggestions to. The flyer would be used to hand out to voters. She also asked what would be some of the 'hard' questions you would get asked by community members. The group came up with a great list and Carly will also put together a Q&A sheet for all of us to use as well.

This was a Facilities Committee Meeting no action or voting took place. The meeting concluded at 7:50 pm.

Please encourage those with questions or comments to email us at:
facilityquestions@monticello.k12.va.us. The more feedback we can get the better!

If anyone has any questions for OPN at any time, feel free to email them. Their emails are listed below.

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