

❖ FACILITIES COMMITTEE ❖
MEETING, JANUARY 7, 2010
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
MINUTES APPROVED 2/4/10

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Flanagan, Facilitator/Via telephone
Destiny Sargeant, Member/Acting Facilitator
JoAnne Bell-Graves, Member

OTHERS:	Glenn Gelbrich	JSD Superintendent
	Deb Morse	JSD Facilities Planning Coordinator
	David Means	JSD Administrative Services Director
	Tom Stephens	JSD Maintenance Supervisor
	Rorie Watt	CBJ Director of Engineering
	Rich Ritter	CBJ Chief Architect
	Barb Mecum	JSD Principal DHMS
	Tom Milliron	JSD Principal FDMS
	Laurie Berg	Public
	Stephanie Allison	Public/President Montessori Borealis site council
	Katy Lumba	Public

The meeting was called to order by Destiny Sargeant at 12:00 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was amended with the addition of a 7.5 the Facilities List presented by Ms. Morse then it was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from 12/3/09 were unavailable.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ms. Allison wanted to encourage planning of the Marie Drake facility and the facilities use in conjunction with the renovation. She is also interested in what information Mr. Means can give her with regards to the changes to the lunch procedures to Montessori are happening.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Middle School Boundaries

Mr. Gelbrich presented a handout “Middle School Boundary Exemptions Report” with data as to where the students live and why middle school students in Juneau attend the schools they do. It will also explain the reasons the boundary exemptions were granted or student transferred schools.

Ms. Sargeant gave a quick recap. She is concerned about two things. First is equity because she does not want one school loosing programs/classrooms and second is that she would like to avoid making any boundary changes. Those changes would create a lot of trauma for families and the community. For the last year and a half the district has been looking in to making the schools more even by looking at boundary exemptions/exceptions. She is open to hearing alternative ideas with the purpose of maintaining equity and fairness and would not require changing boundaries between the two schools. That by stopping the exceptions you would stop the problem, and this would be least painful for the community.

Mr. Flanagan wants the policy followed or we should redistrict.

(Public Comment)

Ms. Berg noted that before Ms. Cowan left the district she changed the regulations on the policy which made them more lenient. She thinks exemptions need to be tightened as it affects any school to lose 72 students that are higher achieving students.

Ms. Allison sees that all resources are distributed based on enrolment. She thinks this as a problem. There is no disincentive for any principal to decline a boundary exemption as the more students you have the more resources you receive.

Ms. Mecum sees the conflict being at Auke Bay (Elementary) and would like the district to back her up when she enforces the address issue for the boundaries.

Mr. Milliron will work with his staff to clean up addresses and update data as to why the exemptions were made.

Ms. Sargeant asked the two middle school principals if they thought this could be resolved without a redistrict.

Mr. Flanagan pointed out the Montana Creek sub division is an issue.

Mr. Gelbrich asked about the process, appeals and the result. He likes the idea that the principals sit together and make these decisions. He would like a strong reinforcement of the policy and has welcomed the principals to bring the appeals to the Superintendent and superintendent to have them heard.

Ms. Mecum stated that she would like to have the boundaries for the schools cleared up at the elementary level. Possibly something from the district office level to the schools informing them to which school the children will attend based on their home address.

Juneau-Douglas House Build Project:

Mr. Means reported the trusses were going up a few days ago. He also reported there will be an ad in the Juneau Empire soon looking for additional land which is both affordable and close to the Juneau-Douglas High School so this program may continue.

Ms. Graves mentioned it would be nice to have land donated for this project.

CIP Project Accounts Updates:

Ms. Morse reported she was working on closing accounts. She would like to roll left over monies from completed to other projects in the district. We also have the ability to retire some of the debt on the project which would relieve some of the debt to the property owners in the borough. There is a long list of items we need to take care of in the district but this is always an option and would like the board members and the committee members to know this is an option available for these funds.

The accounts we are looking at closing are the FDMS renovation phase one and two, school district major maintenance, JDHS dust collector project, DHMS site improvements project. As of December 1st the amount was \$282K. The CBJ staff met and made the recommendation to \$90K to add to the \$111K remaining to the paving at FDMS. This would cover the cost to rip up and repave instead of doing the patch work which will last us much longer. The remaining \$192K would be used for opening a new account for the Auke Bay Elementary planning. The first piece would be to update the condition survey from 2005 on the facility. The second piece would be doing a planning piece to determine what our options are, if this is a renovation, new construction on the site or new construction at a new site. The CBJ Assembly has told us before we put this in front of the votes whether it be this October or the next, would be that we have an idea on what we are going to do as far as heating and mechanical systems in the building. Also for the district to have an idea on what we are going to do when we put this project before the voters in Juneau.

Ms. Bell-Graves is the \$90K only for new projects.

Ms. Morse stated when I close those upper accounts, it's at \$282K and we can roll them in to any capital project that would qualify. It can be used for renovation, construction or it can pay back to the debt that the project might have.

Ms. Sargeant stated both of these are crucially important as we need to finish FDMS and have it last twenty years. We asked and have to have better information about Auke Bay before it can go to the voters. Would you like us to take these two decisions to the board for their approval?

Ms. Morse offered to prepare a green sheet for next week.

Ms. Sargeant stated that she would like that and asked to have it added to the agenda for next week's board meeting.

(Public Comment)

Ms. Allison wanted to know where Marie Drake was on the list vs. Auke Bay.

Ms. Morse stated Auke Bay is first.

Ms. Mecum would like to see network upgrades made for DHMS as her schools network is 15 years old. The estimated cost for the infrastructure upgrade is about eleven thousand dollars.

Ms. Sargeant asked if this upgrade qualifies for the money?

Ms. Morse stated she will have to look at the bonds language as these funds are 15 years old.

Mr. Gelbrich assuming the bond language allowed it we would have to amend the original project with DEED.

Ms. Sargeant would like to know the facts first and then the committee will make a decision. Her concerns are they try to divvy the funds up so everybody gets something and we don't want to piece meal repair of technology. The district is looking into having a task force and seeing where the entire district wants to go in terms of technology.

Ms. Bell-Graves thinks it is premature to have a green sheet with this question of money. Before she votes she would like to have some research in to other schools that may need help other than technology.

Ms. Sargeant said we already have a CIP list and we are following the list. This older money is for moving on new projects like going in front of the voters on Auke Bay.

Mr. Flanagan does not think it is premature and hopes the Assembly will put Auke Bay in front of the voters in October. In that case we need to make a decision to renovate or build a new school.

There was discussion between the Committee members regarding Auke Bay School.

Ms. Morse added for the green sheet we can pull out the DHMS account and bring it back for discussion next month. It's not going to make a difference on the Auke Bay piece. Then we will be able to still proceed with the paving and the Auke Bay planning.

Ms. Sargeant agreed with this line of reasoning and we should proceed with moving the request forward.

Mr. Gelbrich stated this will give us the opportunity to look at the specific request relative to the technology report and if it's consistent with the overall technology plan for the district.

Mr. Milliron thanked the Maintenance department for being on top of sanding the schools parking lots.

Ms. Morse reported on Facilities Tasks:

Marie Drake-Maybe required doing some additional kitchen upgrades related to current food service. This summer or the following, light replacement for energy saving and make repairs to the falling ceiling tiles.

*MRC*S-Changing out the light fixtures in the halls for energy upgrades for the district.

Ms. Morse is preparing a project list for the Assembly she would like them to consider for the ballot. She also will be reprioritizing the list before she turns it in to DEED in May.

She also discussed maybe doing a survey

**Added Glacier Valley site improvements project to Feb. 4th meeting and the answers for the DHMS questions.*

Project Updates:

Ms. Morse gave an update on ongoing projects:

Harborview-The contractor is almost finished with the siding.

Mr. Gelbrich would like to address the yellow tape on the front door.

Ms. Morse said there is a frost heave outside the front door and that is the reason for the yellow tape on the door.

Ms. Bell-Graves would like to address the concerns of the vans parking alongside the school.

Mr. Watt the vans belong to the siding contractor and they are almost finished.

DHMS- The covered playground is almost complete. The painting will be finished in the spring. The construction fencing is getting ready to come down.

JDHS- The dust collector is complete and has been approved by the Fire Marshal.

Ms. Graves would like to know if there was any freezing at TMHS.

Mr. Stephens stated there was not any freezing occurring at this time.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE: *(1st Thursday of each month unless noted)*

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

➤ *Update:* Middle School Boundary Exceptions

-Additional Comments –

Mr. Gelbrich would like to know the Committees thinking for the next stepson middle school boundaries.

Ms. Bell-Graves I'm a tax payer, if I wanted to drive my child to a school that I wanted. I would, but that's just me. I think it will all work out if both principals work together.

Mr. Flanagan I think we should do some contingent ramifications if we were to take that one bus and send it to DHMS. I think that would focus people's attention. I also think we should get the current numbers and what the regulations are to back up the message to Auke Bay.

Ms. Sargeant what needs to happen is that we need to be making broad general announcements that we are actively working on this and that we do not intend to boundary change right away, that both Principals have signed off and we need to have accuracy in numbers. We also need to get this information out to the teachers so they do not allude at any level it is their choice. We also need to talk openly about boundaries. In the future if the numbers continue to go down then we are going in the right direction and if they don't then we have to have a plan B. She feels the Principals need to continue working together to preserve programs for all.

Mr. Gelbrich would like an update on this issue in February. He would like the data to be very specific. He would also like to review the regulations to see exactly what the language says.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:08 PM