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Dr. Charles J. Shackett, Superintendent

Marjean McConnell, Deputy Superintendent

Scott Woolstenhulme, Assistant Superintendent

Work Session December 6, 2017 11:30 AM District Board Room

#### Call to Order

Chairman Paul Jenkins called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m.

Amy Landers present
Chad Dance present
Greg Calder present
Scott Lynch present
Paul Jenkins present

# III. Welcome Visitors and Delegations

Those in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Charles Shackett, Deputy Superintendent Marjean McConnell, Assistant Superintendent Scott Woolstenhulme, Chief Financial/Operations Officer Guy Wangsgard, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Jason Lords, Director of Maintenance & Operations John Pymm, Director of Safe Schools & Technology Gordon Howard, Director of Secondary Special Education and Federal Programs Julian Duffey, Director of Elementary Special Education and Federal Programs Rex Miller, Community Relations and Communications Phil Campbell, Financial Committee Mark Bird, Owner's Representative Brad McKinsey, Headwaters Managers Logan Bingham and Brent Douglass, NBW Architect Kevin Bodily, and Board Clerk Mary Hansen.

### IV. Bond Discussion - Chairman Paul Jenkins

A. Deliberation of Possibilities

Chairman Jenkins opened discussion on building/bonding possibilities. He encouraged the Board to consider all the options.

- Chairman Jenkins referred to the discussion from the previous week that it was suggested that refurbishing Hillcrest and Bonneville high schools, mainly for science labs and auditorium upgrades, be considered on the bond. Any additions would be to improve classroom space, not take away from what is currently there.
- John Pymm reviewed the options for a new elementary school: 1) near the Thunder Ridge HS site; 2) Redrock property; 3) potential property on 49<sup>th</sup> North. He researched the utilities, reviewed access options into the Redrock property, and continues to be in contact with a possible trade for frontage property on 49<sup>th</sup> North. The district engineer has platted the acreage on the Thunder Ridge property along the access road off of 45<sup>th</sup> East; lots would be accessed from Ladino Drive, and not off of the high school access road.
- Chairman Jenkins stated that highest passage of bonds are in March and August elections.
- Mr. Calder suggested to run a bond in March for small projects, move trailers where needed when Thunder Ridge opens, and
  then run a tiered ballot for new school buildings and special needs hub at a later time when it is determined where the greater
  need is.
- Mr. Dance expressed concern that the hub has not been vetted with the public yet. He feels that the 15-year plan needs reworked and to focus on the 5-year plan before bonding.
- Mr. Kevin Bodily from NBW Architects and Logan Bingham from Headwaters, both explained the method of determining the
  cost per square foot in the proposed construction cost of the buildings. Basic design pricing, conservative approach,
  educational goals, and maintenance are defined by historical data, supply and demand of laborers and materials, furniture and
  equipment, and inflation. Estimated cost includes the completed project. Going with less expensive material and processes
  can sometimes cost more in the long run.
- Mark Bird stated that when the mill levy rate is less than inflation cost, it is a better time to build.

- Board members were concerned about the politics of which of building is most needed, where to build, and placing all on the bond.
- Mr. Lynch stated that the longer we wait to build, the higher the cost will be. The district is in need of these buildings due to the continued growth in the district.
- Possible additions to the small projects list could include funding to cover moving the trailers and to purchase additional school busses.
- Chairman Jenkins suggested a tiered ballot to allow the patron to tell us what they want.
- Mr. Duffey reiterated that the hub already exists in the District, just not in the same place. Centralizing the special needs
  programs will help in collaboration of staff and decrease travel time; it will provide special needs students more inclusion time
  in general education classrooms. Even if hub is not built, the new elementary school will have ample room for special services
  programs.
- Chairman Jenkins polled the board and the majority leaned toward a middle school, small projects, and funding for architects. He concluded that the Board would need to come to a consensus, give a little, take a little.

# V. <u>Call for Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings</u>

- A. Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 13, 2017 District Board Room 7:00 p.m.
- B. Work Session Wednesday, December 20, 2017 Hillview Elementary 11:30 a.m.
- C. Christmas Break December 25, 2017 January 5, 2018 No School
- D. Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 17, 2018 District Board Room 7:00 p.m.
- E. Work Session Wednesday, January 31, 2018 Tiebreaker Elementary 11:30 a.m.

## VI. Adjournment

Chairman Paul Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

**MOTION:** Greg Calder moved to adjourn. Chad Dance seconded. The vote was 5 in favor with 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

		APPROVED: _
Chairman		
		ATTESTED: _
Clerk		
	Date:	