

FACILITY STUDY COMMITTEE

October 15, 2008 - 6:30 p.m. - Neosho Rapids Elementary Multi-purpose Room

Members Present: Mike Argabright, Mike Klumpe, Jerry Haag, Linda Davis, Jill Davis, Michelle Barnhart, Dorothy Dunn, Emily Darbyshire, Bill Ballinger, Mike Rhudy, Don Roberts and Gwen Wellnitz

Members Absent: Lisa Mautz

Others Present: Bill Veatch, Craig Clark, Haley Rhoads and Brenda Redeker

Superintendent Mike Argabright welcomed everyone back and welcomed those who could not attend the last meeting.

Superintendent Mike Argabright asked everyone to look over the minutes from the September 22nd meeting and if there are no changes, asked that someone make a motion to approve them. Jerry Haag made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 22nd meeting. Mike Klumpe seconded (12-0).

Superintendent Mike Argabright reviewed the purpose of the committee which is to provide community direction of future facility plans and upgrades to the Board of Education.

Comments on the facility tour included the need to prioritize the list of items that are needed. The current list would shock people when looking at the numbers that it would cost.

Superintendent Mike Argabright gave information updates on the current Bonds. There are currently three Bonds but there were only two Bond elections, not three. It is believed that one of the Bonds was split. The 1999 Bond will be paid next September.

Committee reviewed the out of district student counts for the 2008-09 year. Neosho Rapids/Hartford has 12 and Olpe has 72. The numbers are down 11 from last year. Argabright stated that in recent years, the number of out of district students has stayed about the same (approximately 100).

Superintendent Mike Argabright shared the KASB enrollment trends with the committee. KASB projected our district enrollment to be at 535 but we are at 509. District did not expect a 38 student drop in enrollment. Based on KASB enrollment trends for USD 252, the projection for 2009-2010 will be 495.

Committee reviewed the facility tours. Superintendent Mike Argabright asked the committee to look over the items for anything that needed to be added or taken off the list. The focus of this meeting will be on the current site the meeting is being held. Neosho Rapids roof leaks were brought up and those issues are being addressed. They should be fixed next week. Bill Ballinger said the oldest roof in the district is probably the old gym in Olpe. All the roofs on the old part of the buildings in Neosho Rapids, Hartford, and Olpe were done in 1996 with a rubber membrane. The new additions are tin roofs.

Committee reviewed the list for each building.

Neosho Rapids: Remove carpet from the walls could be done in house and it is needed; Take off the additional gym. The gym space would be used but it will be very expensive. It would be hard to justify spending the money on a gym when there are no teams at Neosho Rapids. The community would use a gym but it would still cost a lot of money. Suggestion of a walkway between the Elementary School and the gym was discussed instead for the kids walking between the buildings during bad weather. If the old gym is kept for use by the kids, the asbestos in the gym tile will need to be taken care of. Discussion of ways to take care of the asbestos in the gym were to either replace it or cover it up and seal the tile. Also, there is no air conditioning and very little heat in the gym; Cement work needs to be done. The sidewalks are uneven and water stands on all the sidewalks around the building. The front sidewalk where the buses load and unload needs immediate attention; the playground area needs to be able to drain. The cement slab is lower than the playground so water stands around the cement slab and the kids have to walk through the water to get to the playground equipment. The drainage problem has not been discussed with the city of Neosho Rapids; Nurses station is needed. Currently the nurse is in the counselor's office when taking care of students. Mr. Argabright mentioned that Mr. Warner might have a room available to take care of this; the light fixtures and exit lights need updated to more efficient units; technology issues included the need for screens for the projectors. They also need TV's and DVD's. Technology Director Matt Walker will address the committee on issues concerning technology for all areas.

Hartford: Committee discussed whether the donated lot intended for the weight room would be a better place to build a new shop and make the shop area into weight room instead of putting a dust collector system in the present shop. If a new shop were to be built, the old shop area could fit a weight room, have an extra classroom available and still have extra space for a vehicle or lawnmowers; Jump pits at both Hartford and Olpe is feasible but not a whole track at both locations; Committee discussed looking into the Jones Fund to donate money for the Football Field concession/bathroom in addition to the \$25,000 donated.

Olpe: The office needs to be updated for a place for students that are in ISS along with a meeting room.

Superintendent Mike Argabright suggested paying off the Bond in September 2009 before asking patrons to start another one.

Gwen Wellnitz brought up that the LR & Autistic class has heating and air problems. Mr. Argabright and Bill Ballinger were unaware of a problem in this area.

Mr. Argabright shared his concerns about the 1996 additions air units needing updates as one failed this fall and had to be replaced.

Next meeting scheduled for October 29, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the Olpe Chicken House (meeting will move to the Olpe Elementary meeting room following supper.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.