

FACILITY STUDY COMMITTEE

September 22, 2008 - 6:30 p.m. - Board of Education Office at Hartford

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

Members Absent: Don Roberts and Mike Rhudy

Others Present: Brenda Redeker

Superintendent Mike Argabright welcomed and thanked everyone for volunteering their time to the Facility Study Committee and presented the background leading up to the committee being formed. The purpose of the committee is to provide community direction of future facility plans and upgrades to the Board of Education. Some of those items discussed were: Olpe Kitchen Project; Hartford Concessions, locker-room, restrooms at the football field with donated money; Hartford weight room with donated money; one of USD #252 bonds to be paid off in September 2009; District Strategic Plan; and District demographics. District enrollment was presented and discussed.

Committee member responsibilities include communication with the patrons in their respected areas to ensure that we are doing what is best for the kids in all of our communities for their future needs by making recommendations.

Suggested meeting days would be Mondays or Wednesdays with rotation between the communities for the location. After the facility tour scheduled for Monday, September 29th at 8:00 a.m. starting at Olpe Elementary School, Superintendent Argabright will set a meeting date within the next two weeks.

Timeline for the committee meetings would be for the 2008-09 school year; longer or shorter timeframe if needed.

The committee will follow the strategic plan that is already in place by the Board of Education including other recommendations as needed. District Wide – technology (networking between all buildings); Neosho Rapids – remove carpet from walls, gym space if Jr. High building is not available, cement work around the building within designated areas and change out light fixtures, LED exit lights for energy efficiency; Hartford – new and larger weight room, complete the new locker-room, concessions, restroom and storage facility at the football field, install new chain link fence around the athletic fields, meeting room and nurse station; Olpe – kitchen addition completed with walk-in freezers and coolers replaced, additional classroom space, remove remaining asbestos, increase the play ground area with additional equipment, remodel old restrooms around the old gym, replace bleachers in old gym, move the playing field to the practice field area with new locker-room, concessions, restrooms, storage areas, stands and lights; Hartford and Olpe – Insulate all steam lines, shop equipment and building updates to include ventilation, dust collector system and air conditioning, change out light fixtures, LED exit lights for energy efficiency, new stage curtains and stage renovations and an all weather track with new jump areas with landing pads.

Emily Darbyshire suggested building up the playground area at Neosho Rapids for water drainage.

Information including the ballot for the upcoming general election was presented and open for questions. The question on the ballot is whether the district shall have three voting districts or two. Having two voting districts would allow each K-12 structure to have three members representing their area with one member at large. It would not affect where students attend school. All committee members were given copies of current board member boundary lines and a proposed two district board member boundary line map to share with other community members to insure correct information was presented.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.