

Bond Recommendation Committee

October 2, 2019

Meeting Notes

In attendance:

Jess Blatchford	Martin Arritola	Bob McKim
Angela Robb	Tori Thatcher	Travis Cook
Lynette Perry	Riley Hall	Danae Simonski
Mark Witty, Superintendent		
Cassie Hibbert, Project Manager, Wenaha Group		
Amber Van Ocker, LKV Architects		

Meeting started at 7:15 p.m.

1. Presentation of PowerPoint by Superintendent, Wenaha, LKV Architects
2. Discussion during and following presentation:
 - Martin commented that many business owners are not aware of Student Success Act tax and what their costs will be for first tax bill on 4/15/2020. Concern about timing of bond in May 2020.
 - Lynette asked about feasibility of closing South Baker and building major addition to Stack. General discussion that closing a neighborhood school would be frowned upon by the community.
 - Martin asked about expanding High School gym floor footprint by shrinking locker rooms.
 - Concern that bearing walls and other structure in existing gym will make this difficult and expensive
 - Existing gym condition downsides: OSAA doesn't like that bleachers are too close to court, no ADA access
 - Amber suggested that reconfiguring bleachers could create more floor space
 - Discussion about how different entities in City could work together on projects like a new gym
 - Lynette asked about using other gyms for youth sports – Superintendent Witty confirmed that other gyms are already in use
 - Conversation about how the State reimburses for transportation
 - Committee asked for clarification on bond rates and interest for \$6-\$8M bond
 - Wenaha to provide for next meeting
 - Discussion about what are the District's highest-priority needs in proposed plan
 - Superintendent Witty described plan to fund vestibule additions as a safety & security program through Student Success Act funding

- Martin asked if locker rooms could be an addition onto Helen M Stack building's stand-alone cafeteria, as the current lower-level location doesn't provide good value and cannot be made ADA accessible Will study this further
 - LKV/Wenaha to study addition options for locker rooms for next meeting
 - Discussion of using cafeteria as multi-purpose space – e.g. community use, wrestling
- Discussion of what average person in Baker County would pay for bond, percentage of renters vs. owners
 - District/Wenaha to provide for median home price, renters/owners statistics for next meeting

3. Next meeting:

- Tuesday, October 15 at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Cassie Hibbert