

Board of Education Long Range Facilities Planning Committee

Minutes

May 16, 2017

Present for the meeting were Darin Preis, Jan Mees, Jonathan Sessions, Linda Quinley and Dr. Peter Stiepleman. Other members of administration joined the meeting as well as Charles Oestreich, Director of Facilities and Construction Services; Chris Davis of PWArchitects; and guest Bill Mees. Mr. Preis called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the January 12, 2017, meeting were approved.

Ms. Mees led a discussion of Fairview Elementary School as a nature school. She reviewed the history of the concept, which was first proposed approximately five years ago. (See attached summary and background information.) Dr. Stiepleman will review it with his team to discuss priorities and making this proposal part of a community conversation.

The committee discussed facilities priorities for the next ten years (2017 through 2027). Ben Tilley, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, reviewed growth data and projections, noting that high growth areas are anticipated to be Blue Ridge, Battle, and Mill Creek elementary schools; the new Cedar Ridge Elementary School; Gentry Middle School; and Battle High School.

The committee also discussed these topics:

- Add Benton to Ridgeway conversation of not meeting student needs
- Field—future use other than gifted education? (Dr. Stiepleman said no)
- Park Avenue Center—CPS might obtain
- Ridgeway parking issue off campus—build new on back, tear down old (all but 1995 addition)
- Mr. Oestreich indicated a need to look at a property in a green area for a new building
- Athletics—middle school priority on fields remains
- Battle High School was maxed out for storm water at the time of construction—Chris Davis asked if there were some other property we could trade with the city on BMP requirement—partner with the city?
- Facility priority--\$5 million every two years
- Jefferson Middle School—Gym first for safety—enough land on west of building to expand—improvements: elevator, electrical, general improvements
- Other projects—safety and security, technology, CORE
- Mr. Preis requested more community input at the fall World Café
- Focus on when we want what to open, put in priority order, then send to Finance Committee

- Lee—per Mr. Oestreich, it will be a tough design and build (two-year build)—hard to manage
- Add elementary land money to 80 acres at Vemer—keep for a new high school/middle school?
- Ridgeway/Benton—would be a big deal

Mr. Sessions moved that the meeting be adjourned. The second was by Ms. Mees. The meeting was declared adjourned.