

January 27, 2014

Long Range Planning Committee

6:00 p.m.

Administration Building, Conference Room

20670 Walker Street

Harrah, OK 73045

Committee Members Present: Sammy Martin, Larry Fryar, Danny Boyle, Larry Sturgill, Art Bode, Kenneth Riddle, Pam Manek, Debbie Myers, Tami Blomgren, Greg McIlvoy, and Paul Blessington

Guests Presents: None

Art Bode called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the January 6, 2014 meeting. Mr. Boyle made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Larry Sturgill. Minutes were approved.

Art Bode started out the meeting about the bond language matches specifically what and how the resolution is being done. He explained the importance from the change made at the school board meeting on Monday, January 5, 2014. The resolution language was changed to indicate 3 years instead of typically 5 years for the bond to expire. The priority of the committee should be providing all information from a factual matter and consistent presentation among members of the committee. The focus of the committee members' presentation should be as follows:

1. Needs- these needs presented are the most pressing issues for the district with the available funds this bond resolution would provide.
2. Safety- these needs presented clearly deal directly with the most significant safety and well-being needs of the district.
3. Education- the technology aspect of this resolution clearly addresses educational needs of all the students throughout the school district.

A Statement was made during the discussion that stated, "Our kids deserve the things that are allowed in this bond issue."

Discussion from the committee members then focused on the typical questions or specific concerns this bond resolution could present. The following were questions/statements that would arise during presentations:

1. Why didn't you include.....?

Answer (Funding was the biggest driver in the decisions)

2. When can you present another bond resolution?

Answer (Two Years)

3. Why aren't there textbooks included in the bond?

Answer (Teacher surveyed didn't not indicate it as the most pressing need)

The committee resolved to come up with another questions/concerns to be discussed at the next meeting on Monday, February 3rd.

Discussion was directed in the areas of tax impact. The committee was concerned by the misinformation that was perceived as factual during the past two failed bond elections. There appears to be a REAL misunderstanding of how property taxes are figured. The committee decided to design or construct a very easy to follow formula that would give a person an estimate of the tax impact this bond would create. (I.E. If your home is valued at \$100,000 your taxes would go up \$137.39 dollars a year. That is less than \$12 dollars a month. This is less than the cost of a trip for four to McDonalds once a month). This formula would be used in all informational flyers and presentations for the community.

The Committee ended the meeting by discussing the needs for the scheduled meeting on Monday, February 3rd. The committee would need to develop a power-point/slide show for groups or organizations that provide the needs of the district and facts of the resolution. The committee would also compile a list of groups or organizations that committee members would present to. Finally, the committee would continue to seek potential areas of concern that the community would have and possible answers for those potential concerns.

7:23 pm- The Meeting was adjourned.