

Harrah Schools
Long Range Planning Committee (LRC)
Monday, December 2, 2013
6:00 pm

Committee members in attendance: Tami Blomgren, Art Bode, Larry Fryar, April Halferty, Sammy Martin, Greg McIlvoy, Debbie Myers, Kenneth Riddle, Larry Sturgill and Paul Blessington.

Guest in attendance: Clarence Williams and Choon Lim from BWA, Garry Jewell, Dave Wiegert, Carrie Wiegert Stephanie Payne, Jack Gorczyca and Kim Bishop.

Minutes from Nov. 25th meeting approved.

Meeting:

1. Reviewed Peak Uptime estimates from previous bond. CRE – roof estimates to replace what we currently have. Technology and roof – \$4.2 million, two year bond, not a pitched roof. Mr. Williams discussed amounts for a pitch roof. HVAC requirements have to be replaced if you go with pitch roof. A rough estimate of \$1 million to do that. Mr. Blessington suggested the HVAC at CRE be replaced.
2. HVAC and fire suppression units were discussed. (see handout)
3. Mr. Bode suggested a common sense approach be used to put in a two year bond issue for student education material, technology and repairs. After that is past take a year to develop a long range plan for a larger bond within a millage level we are comfortable with.
4. Textbooks – At the current time, Math textbooks are old and desperately need to be replaced. With the implementation of Common Core, it is questionable that textbooks be replaced for every subject.
5. Mr. Fryar asked, what past millage rates have been? Mr. Blessington stated, in the past 12 years, the average was 17.61 with the highest 22.58. That is a fluctuating average of 18-19 with 23 as the target. A bond for 4.5 million would create a millage rate of 26.19 for two years.
6. Mr. Martin asked if the technology numbers can handle a tablet/slate 1-1 initiative for students after two years? Yes, the technology infrastructure will support future growth and planning. Also some discussion on the security camera numbers to see where we could cut figures so that textbooks are included.
7. Mr. Bode stated 22.58 millage rate would get us \$3.75 million bond for two years. \$4.354 million is what we have been supplied with which is for technology and

capital improvements. A four year plan wasn't enough money to do what we wanted and four years is too long before we could pass another bond. Mr. Blessington stated, if we don't have clear cut numbers and a clear cut plan, the public will not be in favor.

8. Voter registration cards are available at each school site. General consensus of the committee is if the multisport facility had been eliminated, the past bond would have passed. There is a concern extra-curricular votes will be lost with only a technology and capital improvement bond. General obligation bond rates are currently very low.
9. Web poll as of Tuesday, had 3383 hits. The web poll was not designed for secure polling therefor it was changed it to Survey Monkey. As of today there are 25 votes.
 - i. Sports – 12 votes (48%), Safety, Consolidation and Security – no votes, Technology – 6 votes (24%), Capital improvements – 5 votes (20%), Other – more classrooms (hire more teachers, smaller class sizes) and mold remediation at all school sites

Public Input:

1. Mrs. Wiegert asked when the money would be available for a two year bond.
June – July 2014
2. Mrs. Bishop asked if a new site for new HS or multisport facility? No. The district does not own additional land to support this and is not in a position to purchase land to do so. Due to the millage drop this year, we can only do a two year bond because of tax increases. It is a lot smarter to vote for a smaller bond.
3. Mr. Jewell asked who is going to manage the project? Boldt Construction will oversee the jobs. Their cost would be a percentage of the construction amount. Mr. Jewell spoke of concerns about construction in the past not being done properly. Mr. Blessington said we need to be united and have the passion from the city, etc. We can't be concerned about a tax increase.

Meeting closure:

1. Mr. Bode asked the committee, small bond or large bond?

<u>Small bond</u>	<u>Large bond</u>
Mr. Sturgill, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Blomgren, Mrs. Meyers, Mr. Fryar, Mr. Riddle	Mr. McIlvoy
2. Mr. Bode asked every member look at list and take out items we need.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.