

December 16, 2013  
Long Range Planning Committee  
6:00 p.m.  
Administration Building, Conference Room  
20670 Walker Street  
Harrah, OK 73045

Paul Blessington called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. due to Art Bode's absence.

Committee members present: Paul Blessington, Danny Boyle, Larry Fryar, Sammy Martin, Larry Sturgill, Greg McIlvoy, Kenneth Riddle, Pam Manek, Debbie Myers, Tami Blomgren, April Halferty

Guest Present: Garry Jewell, Kim Bishop, Josh Mattox

The committee reviewed the minutes from the December 9, 2013 meeting. Mr. Fryar made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Debbie Myers. Minutes were approved.

Larry Sturgill stated he wants a good estimate of technology needs to make sure we have enough money to purchase what we say we are going to purchase. Danny Boyle agreed. There was much discussion on knowing what those needs are so that the public is aware of what is being purchased with the technology bond money.

The technology assessment that was emailed earlier in the week was a combination of needs and existing inventory. Some committee members stated that they were confused on those numbers provided and would like to see a more detailed needs assessment.

Mr. Blessington informed the committee that any dollar amounts that are provided for technology are estimates. Bids will not go out for the purchase of the technology until the bond has passed and funds become available. He also explained that the estimates given to the Long Range Committee from PeakUp Time are good and fair estimates.

Larry Fryar, Danny Boyle and Larry Sturgill would like specific details on technology being purchased to that it can be presented and explained to the public.

Mr. Blessington also explained that with new technology there is a need for professional development and training. This training is crucial to the successful implementation of the new technology.

Again, there was much discussion on how much detail the committee need on numbers and dollars does for computers, etc. The consensus is that we need to make sure we are allotting enough money for technology. Pam Manek stated that some of the public want more details than others. Danny Boyle and Larry Sturgill stated that some people's minds can be changed with proper information.

The discussion on capital improvements began with Mr. Blessington stating that Clara Reynolds Elementary and the High School are the buildings with the greatest HVAC needs.

Mr. Blessington had a representative from a fire suppression company inspect and tour the facilities to get an idea of our districts needs. This vendor gave an estimate of \$600,000 for a top notch system. This estimate consisted of tying the fire system to the network, replacing fire panels and alarms, repairing sprinkler systems and other fire suppression needs.

Mr. Blessington stated that the estimates provided by Boldt Construction for the previous bond issue are still good.

Sammy Martin stated that he had received messages from opposing people asking about the mold at three sites. He suggested that we need a letter of proof of testing from the mold remediation company. Mr. Riddle stated that the previous mold remediation company who had 20 years of experience said his intelligence was insulted by the public that was present during his presentation.

Public Input:

Garry Jewell stated that technology estimates change very quickly and it is important to address the public that it is important to trust the School Board and Superintendent to be good stewards of the bond money. He also said that it is important that the public understands that another larger bond will be brought up for a vote in two years to make additional repairs. It is important to make the public understand the importance of attracting quality families and people to our community are to have quality schools. Schools grow your town.

Coach Mattox stated that he has only taught in the Harrah district and that he has only had access to a whiteboard and he would love to have new technology to use in his teaching. He also said that some of his booster parents were "no" voters and wanted more specific details about the bond.

Mr. Blessington stated that it is important that we show a direct correlation between students and learning when you talk about technology. An obstacle for the public is the understanding of what technology really is and what it consists of.

April Halferty stated that Carrie Wiegert, chairman of the Citizen's Action group of Harrah, had feedback from the teacher survey and technology was the number one concern.

Needs for the next meeting: Obtain specific number of desktop computers and multimedia instructional units are needed.

It was suggested that a spreadsheet be prepared with technology costs and capital improvements costs and also list the cost of textbooks as an option.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.