

January 6, 2014
Long Range Planning Committee
6:00 p.m. at 6
Administration Building, Conference Room
20670 Walker Street
Harrah, OK 73045

Art Bode called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Committee members present: Danny Boyle, Larry Sturgill, Sammy Martin, Art Bode, Pam Manek, April Halferty, Kenneth Riddle

Guest Present: Beverly Jones, Angela Holmes, Kim Bishop

The committee reviewed the minutes from the December 30, 2013 meeting. Mr. Boyle made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Larry Sturgill. Minutes were approved.

Art Bode reviewed the estimates for the bond issue and stated that there would be approximately \$270,000 difference between the estimates and the \$3.75 million bond. Mr. Bode explained that he divided this difference between part one and two of the bond issue. He explained that it is important that the Board spend the bond money on what is put in the language and if we don't spend all the money on a specific project the money can be used on other projects.

Passing this bond issue will increase the district to 22.58 mills. April Halferty asked Art Bode to explain sinking funds and how they are used. He explained that sinking fund money is used to pay bonded levies. Property tax dollars are used to pay sinking fund millage. Sinking fund millage cannot be used for general operations, they can only be used to pay for bonds. The committee reviewed the list of other school districts millage rates for comparison to Harrah. The passage of the bond would put us at half to upper part of schools in our area.

Public Input

Beverly Jones asked to clarify where extra savings of bond money would be used if there is any leftover. The committee explained that any additional funds would be spent on specific items on the ballot and then could be spent on the general ballot language.

Angela Holmes told the committee that some of the public is reluctant about using a construction management company on this size of bond.

There was discussion that construction management companies have access to more companies for bidding purposes. This could potentially save money in the long run. The use of construction management companies usually result in savings to schools. Mr. Bode appreciated the feedback of some of the things the public is saying.

After Board approval for the election, Mr. Bode will then start putting together “talking points” for the marketing of the bond.

Mr. Bode reviewed the proposal to the Board (attached). To call for a resolution by the end of January the Board will have to call a special board meeting. Mr. Bode will make the suggestion to the Board that this special meeting take place at a regular board meeting time. This is due to public conversations regarding former special board meetings being held during the day when the public couldn't participate.

Mr. Bode will confirm with each committee member their willingness to continue serving on the committee for the future. After confirmation, Mr. Bode will inform the Board of the committee's intent to planning of future bonds.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.