

A. AGENDA

A1 Northeastern Local Board of Education met in Special session on Wednesday, January 18th, 2017, at the South Vienna School Gymnasium. The purpose of the Special Meeting was to hold a School Improvement/District Operations/Facilities Committee meeting. Christopher James, President, called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

A2 Roll Call: Mr. Christopher James, Present
Mr. Jeff Caivano, Present
Mr. Joel Augustus, Present
Mrs. Jill Parker, Present
Mr. Steve Schwitzgable Present

Others present were John P. Kronour, PhD, Superintendent; Denise Robinson, Treasurer; Shawn Blazer, Assistant Superintendent; Steve Linson, Director of Pupil Personnel; John Schmid, Director of Technology; Randy Phares, Director of Operations; and approximately two-hundred twenty visitors.

A3 The pledge of allegiance was led by President, Christopher James.

B. MEETING ORGANIZATION

B1 At this time, Dr. Kronour, Superintendent of NELSD, showed a PowerPoint presentation and lead discussions regarding facilities. It was noted that the PowerPoint presentation will be put on the district’s website at nelsd.org.

The presentation included:

1. Adding more details to previously presented new building facilities option 2 (Two campus plan of PreK-12 on an existing site located in South Vienna and Northridge) and option 5 (Two PreK-8 building, one in South Vienna and one in Northridge on existing sites. One 9-12 building located centrally in the district on new land to be purchased). These options were the most popular of the six options presented previously.
2. Handout of OSFC details for the two options.
3. A Principals/AD’s present educational and athletic information.
4. A question and answer session.

The Northeastern Local School District administrators presented several slides on the academic costs/opportunities of either option. The cost savings of option 2 were \$0 in relation to the high schools and an estimated savings of \$400,000 per year with a consolidated high school under option 5. Athletically, under option 2, nothing would change while under option 5 the district could potentially offer more sports including freshman and junior varsity teams.

A facility size (square footage) comparison slide was presented.

For the Middle Schools, improvements would include appropriate science lab spaces, collaboration spaces, a combined gym/auditorium/cafeteria plan or Cafetorium, modern library, a physical education complex, therapy/sensory rooms, resource rooms, private conference space, adequate office space, and a large area for activities.

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The Middle Schools academic opportunities would expand also to include more advanced/accelerated options, 21st century programming to include STEM, performing arts, media communications, a greenhouse/gardening AG program, easier transition from middle to high school band, and upgraded special education spaces.

Dr. Kronour stressed that the Board and Administration would like as much community input as possible. They would like to survey the community based upon the community input of this meeting and future facility meetings to better understand what school facilities the community would be willing to financially support.

He emphasized that the Board has not made a decision on new school buildings and will eventually (hopefully November 2017) put a levy on the ballot for new facilities after the Board has gained as much information from the community as possible.

There was a discussion of the current elementary building concerns which are heating/air, air quality, the poor conditions of the gymnasiums, electrical issues, plumbing, overcrowding, handicap accessibility, acoustics, cafeteria facilities, and parking. New buildings would alleviate these problems and help educate our children in a better environment.

Transportation cost savings were discussed noting option 2 would save the district approximately \$101,782 per year while option 5 is estimated to save the district \$38,107 per year.

Potential yearly staff savings are \$257,000 in classified staff and administration savings of \$80,000 to \$160,000.

Dr. Kronour informed the audience that the next steps in the process are to get advice from architectural services and pre-bond counsel and to conduct a scientific survey.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Item 96-2017.

Mr. Caivano moved and Mrs. Parker seconded that the Board enter into Executive Session at 7:04 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, and/or compensation of a public employee or official; and to review negotiations with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of employment. Roll Call: Ayes – Caivano, Parker, Schwitzgable, Augustus, James. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mr. James reconvened the meeting at 9:26 P.M.

D. ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. Augustus moved and Mrs. Parker seconded to adjourn at 9:28 P.M., until the next regular meeting of the Board of Education. Roll Call: Ayes – Augustus, Parker, Schwitzgable, Caivano, James. Nays – None. Motion carried.

President, _____

Treasurer, _____