

Rolling Hills Elementary School

November 29, 2016

A. AGENDA

A1 Northeastern Local Board of Education met in Special session on Tuesday, November 29th, 2016, at the Rolling Hills Elementary 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 6:04 P.M.

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

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; Tim Nijak, Senior Accountant; and approximately two-hundred seventy-five 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 "Six Possible Options" of new facilities presented to the audience and the estimated costs which included:

1. Renovation of the current facilities at a total estimated cost of \$113,595,111 with local support of \$70,397,067 (the other funding would come from the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission (OSFC)).
2. Two campus plan of PreK-12 on existing sites located in South Vienna and Northridge at a total estimated cost of \$102,923,346 with local support of \$65,474,008.
3. Two PreK-6 buildings, one in South Vienna and one in Northridge on existing sites. One 7-12 building located centrally in the district on land to be purchased at a total estimated cost of \$105,617,290 with local support of \$66,370,374.
4. Two Prek-6 buildings, one in South Vienna and one in Northridge on existing sites. One 7-8 building and on 9-12 building located centrally in the district on new land to be purchased at a total estimated cost of \$110,082,884 with local support of \$69,049,730.
5. Two PreK-8 buildings, 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 at a total estimated cost of \$106,713,308 with local support of \$67,227,985.
6. One PreK-5, one 6-8, and one 9-12 centrally located in the district on new land to be purchased at a total estimated cost of \$106,405,287 with local support of \$66,843,172.

Dr. Kronour also presented slides on the student population broken out by the Northern and Eastern parts of the district that showed a student population of 2,040 in the Northern and 1,217 at the Eastern end.

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The athletic facilities cost was discussed for each option with costs ranging from \$3,100,000 to \$9,375,000 depending on which option is chosen.

Transportation costs were presented that showed cost savings ranging from \$101,782 with option 2 to cost increases of \$31,639 with option 5. Operational savings for High School athletics were presented that showed top cost savings of \$85,300 for options 3-6 and no savings for options 1-2. Dr. Kronour also presented operational savings of \$300,000 to \$600,000 per year if the high schools are consolidated and Middle School operational savings of \$240,000 if option 2-3 are chosen. Technology connectivity savings ranged from \$0 to \$57,600 per year depending on which plan was chosen.

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 were several questions from community members which included staffing levels, the sale of current facilities, the cost of land to be purchased, renovating the current facilities, property values if new facilities are built, and the cost of splitting the district into two separate entities.

Dr. Kronour asked the audience to keep an open mind about new facilities and that a compromise of combining or changing current options is a possibility if the community will support a new idea. He asked the audience to think of what is best for the students.

At this time, Dr. Kronour asked the audience to split into six groups to be led by a facilitator to discuss the pros and cons of the six options with each group discussing one option. The groups were given markers and easels to write the pros and cons.

After about thirty minutes of group discussion, Dr. Kronour reviewed with the audience the pros and cons from each group. The pros and cons talked about property values, extracurricular opportunities for the students, separation of younger students from older students, expanded educational opportunities, and transportation issues. There was much discussion amongst the audience on each option.

Dr. Kronour thanked everyone for their participation and informed the audience the next facilities meeting will be January 18, 2017 at South Vienna School.

At this time Mr. James addressed the audience. He reminded the audience to place stickers on the plans that they like and Dr. Kronour will tally the votes from the audience on their choices. He thanked the audience for coming and was very pleased for such a large turnout. He emphasized that he and the other Board members would like community input and said that they could e-mail him or the other Board members with questions or concerns.

Mr. James talked about the students, families, and staff. He is very proud of the community and is pleased that the community is talking about what will be best for our students moving forward. He urged the audience to continue discussing each option and said that he can support each option presented. He and the Board are committed to listening to the community and would like to move forward with a plan they will support.

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C. ADJOURNMENT

Item 61-2017.

Mr. Augustus moved and Mrs. Parker seconded to adjourn at 7:57 P.M., until the next regular meeting of the Board of Education. Roll Call: Ayes – Augustus, Parker, Caivano, James. Nays – None. Motion carried.

President, _____

Treasurer, _____