

Long Range Facilities Planning Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 6, 2009

Attendees:	Charles Oestreich Donald Ludwig Dr. Jack Jensen Dr. Nick Boren Larry Jones Dr. Wanda Brown Bruce Whitesides	Christy Serrage Dr. Ines Segert Linda Quinley Oscar Carter Dr. Tom Rose Dr. Sally Beth Lyon
Guests:	Dr. Mary Laffey Dr. Chris Belcher Laina Fullum	Jan Mees Dr. Dana Clippard

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

Minutes from the June 25, 2009 were approved. Motion by Dr. Jack Jensen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Nick Boren

Continuation of the Field and Bearfield discussion.

Dr. Segert discussed the goals that have been complied by various task forces.

1. Improve educational advocacy \*\*Primary objective
2. Alternative programs for secondary students
3. Safety of students and surrounding neighborhoods
4. Decrease leased properties
5. Decrease the number of mobile classrooms
6. Become operationally efficient
7. Use of stimulus money

Special Education stimulus money would allow for the purchase/renovation of a facility to help achieve the goals.

Special Education stimulus money

- a. Title I – 2.3M
- b. Special Ed Fund – 4.0M

This is a one time opportunity to replace local dollars with stimulus money. This can only be done in FY2009-2010 school year. The ARRA funds can be used to offset maintenance of effort. We can use \$2M for Special Education or in part for Special Education however it would need to be approved by DESE.

A new property was brought to the district's attention at 4600 Bethel Road. Obtaining this property would allow the district to reduce the number of leased

properties (2 leased buildings- Bearfield and Bernadette) as well as mobile classrooms helping to achieve some of the goals already identified. The leases at Bernadette and Bearfield total ~\$200,000 per year.

Dr. Lyons presented a Power Point presentation with pictures of the Bethel property and 5 different scenarios for what could be done with Field and Bearfield if the district was able to secure the property.

The Bethel Property is 15,441 sq ft in the original building and 6,994 sq ft in the two story addition. This building used to be a daycare facility so it should be able to meet educational requirements. All classrooms have an exterior door that opens to the playground. There is approximately \$75-\$80,000 worth of playground equipment that will stay with the building. An exterior building houses an indoor playground, an outside pool and wading pool, tennis courts, and basketball goals. The pool and wading pool would need to be decked over.

Charles Oestreich estimates that there will be \$300,000 in upgrades needed at Bethel. Depending on the different scenarios presented it could be more or less.

- For scenarios A-C more renovations would be needed to make the building more accessible to older students.
- For scenarios D and E there would be less renovation because Bethel would be used for Early Childhood.

Title I money could be used for renovation; however there is a lot of red tape.

Title I classes are housed all over the district with the largest need to the North and lack of sites in the South. There is community and parent support of this program all over the district.

The Committee has agreed that the purchase of the Bethel property is a good idea and the district does have a use for the property.

A transition plan would be needed if the district were to move forward with one of the scenarios presented. Business Services stated they would need extra time for a move due to the new software conversion.

For the FY2009-2010 school year, there is no money for any renovations at Field. Adding a/c at Field would need to come from the 2010 bond issue, if it were decided to add it to the ballot.

ARRA money could replace the Special Education money and if there were any money left over it could be used at Field.

Dr. Segert invited Dan Cullimore from the North Central Area Community Association to speak and let the committee know of the Field neighborhood concerns.

1. There is some confusion between CPS plans for Bearfield/Field and the housing of homeless teenagers.
2. Concerns that the area is not ready for another troubled population.
3. A lot of support for the appropriate education of those served by Bearfield. The neighborhood values Field and its character. They fear that some planned enhancements such as a fence might give the building the look of a detention center.
4. Distrust of the District and agencies in general regarding motive and the way decisions are made. This is a vital concern.
5. Other agencies are trying to put Early Childhood facilities in the neighborhood and the District might be able to help boost these other agencies.

John, also with the NCACA, spoke regarding the demographics of the programs that could be housed at Field. Make the school a school for the whole attendance area but also specially for the North Central Area. He felt that investing in the Central city would be a good idea. John also echoed Dan's list of neighborhood concerns.

Dr. Brown felt that the programs that were put together in each scenario were programs that were very fluid and would work well together.

Dr. Segert asked if the Committee was ready to make a recommendation to the Board and then asked for a motion. Tom Rose, motion; Don Ludwig, 2<sup>nd</sup>. – Motion passed.

There was some discussion among the Committee members that this was a good thing, the Bethel building had good transportation flow, was on the bus line, and was also a good use of stimulus money.

The Board will have to take action from this point forward regarding the purchase of the Bethel property.

The Committee decided that at the next meeting the preliminary bond plan for 2010 would need to be discussed. A report would need to be presented to the Board by October.

Future meetings were scheduled with the decision to go back to 2 meetings per month for 1 ½ hours. The time will now be from 3:30-5:00 the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. Some of the meetings will be held at the Board Office and others will be held at Building Services.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25