

MEETING MINUTES

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</u> Melissa Baurer, Member Lorlee Engler, Member Mike Martin, Member Nichole Piland, Vice Chair Clyde Rood, Member	<u>EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT:</u> Jennifer Meckley, Superintendent William Lewis, Chief Operations Officer
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The meeting minutes were recorded by acting Executive Secretary Wendy Eilers.

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Nichole Piland, called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM and led the flag salute.

2. OVERVIEW OF FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROCESS

William reviews the advisory committee members. He explains how the 25 person committee worked for over 18 months to review thousands of documents to review the buildings in the district. William explained the Facility Condition Index chart which shows the building age timeline. He states that the group toured each building multiple times, and talked about the projected population in Lebanon, projected enrollment in schools, the capacity of schools, and the age of schools. He explained how state funding works, as well as construction inflation. William presents new slides with recommendations for the school board. Package A is critical maintenance at all sites; exterior envelope and roofing; interior finishes, equipment, and site; mechanical, electrical and plumbing at all sites except the two newer schools, Riverview and Pioneer. Package B includes everything in package A, plus safety and security improvements; playground improvements; accessibility updates; special education support; kitchen improvements. Package C includes everything in packages A & B, plus replaces one elementary school for 650 students; removes Cascades and Green Acres from scope; keeps existing schools open during rebuild; overall site improvements similar to Riverview and Pioneer.

Cost summary: Package A: \$98.37 million, Package B: \$122.61 million, Package C: \$178.92 million.

3. FACILITY GROUP DISCUSSION

William opens this up for discussion. He explains how the bond in the year 2000 worked and what it replaces. He explains how pricing has increased over the years. He states that the recommendation from the FAC is the minimum of option A with a preferred option C.

Melissa states that she participated in the committee, and it was an eye opening experience for her. She thanks Will for his leadership on this committee. She states that the committee vote was unanimous for option C. Will explains the committee worked for 17 months on this committee to research. Melissa states that package A is really a bandaid for the issues. She states she would rather pass option C and not have to come back later for another bond.

Mike states that he was just recently brought up to date. He believes in renovation versus replacement. He wants to consider our heritage. He thinks that renovating the buildings would be classic and people would enjoy coming back to see them. Mike comments that just the paint on Cascades and Hamilton Creek make them look like different schools. He comments that the dry rot at the high school is not hard to replace. He states dry rot doesn't happen overnight and that it takes 5 to 15 years to happen. He speaks about the pool and stadium as needing to be replaced. He states great teachers can teach in a tent, they don't need a fantastic building. Nichole states that it is not just teachers, but students that we need to consider and their well-being and the environment that they are in as well. William explains that option C is just fixing issues, not replacing. He explains that the pool and stadium are part of the high school budget, but it is not a complete re-do. Nichole asks about athletics and accessibility and what that looks like. William explains that the locker rooms need additional restrooms. He talks about critical maintenance needs in regards to heritage schools. Mike asks about new schools. He states that even with the largest option, we are only getting one new school. Mike wants to know why the roof at LHS wasn't replaced 20 years ago. William states he doesn't disagree. Mike wants to know if the community is willing to support a bond. Nicole states that it would have to go to a vote. Discussion around inflation takes place. Clyde states that he was also part of the committee. He would like to see what is remaining on the bond we are currently paying for. William explains refinancing and how that works with the school district.

Nichole surveys the board on what option they would choose. Clyde says he is still undecided. Melissa states that she would choose option C. She also states that we need to look at school safety, and teachers are not working in tents anymore. She states that she wants security at a school, and children need a safe learning environment. Lorlee states that she appreciates Mike's reservations, and she appreciates Melissa's desire for safety. She states that the only bathrooms at the pool are in the locker rooms, she states that this is a huge safety issue. She states that we are beyond basic changes, and no one currently on the board or in the schools was working for the district when these issues came up and weren't taken care of last time. Nichole commented that Mike was. Lorlee states based on the need, she would choose option C. She said anything less would be a bandaid. Mike states that he hasn't formed an opinion since he just found out the costs on Tuesday. He states that he can't wrap his head around building a new school just for safety. He states that he needs more time to think about it. He wants to know what the community thinks.

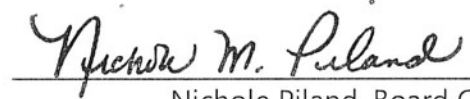
William wants to know what other information he can bring to the board to help clarify and keep the momentum going. He states he is working on getting information out to the community to get their thoughts. Melissa explains that package B is the one that has safety and security on it. A discussion takes place regarding security in schools. Jennifer explains why these options were chosen. Nichole shares she would also choose option C.

Jennifer asks if they want a work session or to add it to future board agenda. Clyde prefers work sessions. Melissa states that they need to start getting boots on the ground and time is of the essence. William states that the big picture timeline is that this would need to go to an election.

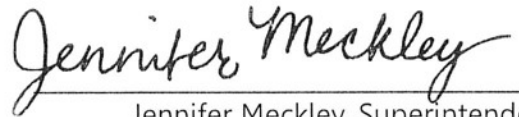
Mike asks what happens if a bond doesn't pass. William states that you then have to start making choices on what gets fixed and what doesn't.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 PM.

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Nichole Piland, Board Chair

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Jennifer Meckley, Superintendent