

Long Range Planning Committee

Minutes

October 27, 2016

District Office Training Room

Members in Attendance:

Lisa May (Chair)
Dana Specht
Bill Rutherford
Robyn Clevenger
Jill Carlson

Jeff Bengtson
Sandy Brixen
Nancy Shepherd
Jerry Anderson
Steve Casey

Ex-Officio:
Matt Handelman
Brian Wallace
Bryan Martin
Casey Morrisroe

Laura Rumpler
Guests:
Derek Kohles

Members not able to attend: Raniel Diaz, Rose Backs, Troy Schueller, Monique English, Teresa Armstrong, Blair Williams, Teresa Runge, Tracy Weimer-Shull

Welcome

Lisa May, opened the meeting at 5:10. The committee was short a quorum by two people and the business items were held. Lisa asked the (potential) new members to introduce themselves.

Future Meeting Dates

Meeting date/times were set for Nov. 28th and Jan 30th from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at Midtown Center. Glenda will send out calendar invites to committee members.

Bylaws

Lisa May read the bylaws and Matt Handelman added that this is one of the only board appointed committees whose job is to make recommendations. There are about five meetings a year.

Matt introduced Casey Morrisroe, Board Chair, to the LRP members. Casey reported that the Board is starting to dig into the ideas of running a levy/bond. They will take ideas out to the community for discussion. We have some critical needs but they also don't want to jeopardize the M & O. He hopes that Brian Wallace and Bryan Martin can make a presentation of district needs then get feedback from the community – hopefully within the next four weeks. Casey noted that the Board isn't obligated to follow the LRP recommendations, but appreciates the work this committee does.

Quorum - 5:25 p.m.

New members were introduced to the entire committee.

Steve Casey made a motion to approve the April 25, 2016 minutes, seconded by Jerry Anderson – Approved. Steve Casey made a motion to approve the new committee members, seconded by Jeff Bengtson – Approved. New members include: Gary Louie, Todd Damron, Lisa Rakes, Christena Linford, Jenn Decker.

Vice Chair Position

Jeff Bengtson nominated Steve Casey, Lisa May called for a vote – Unanimous approval.

Steve thanked the members and said he is blessed to be here in a great school district.

Steve asked about the returning members that were not present at the meeting. The Committee has 23 members at this time. We will get a new list of members and confirm with those who are absent and didn't contact Glenda for this meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Matt spoke of the new curriculum – math was adopted last year and science is this year. Teachers are working with new materials and are excited about it. This year we will be adopting new fine/performing arts and K-5 social studies materials.

Legislative changes include K-3 literacy bill to boost success rates. Our district is getting \$300,000 more money than last year and we are using other tools for remediation such as paras helping in small groups. The IRI (Idaho Reading Indicator) will continue to be the measurement for K-3 literacy.

The “Go On” program is designed to help with career enhancement and is dedicated to helping students move on to higher education.

Career Ladder is one way school districts are funded for certificated staff. Our district does not use this right now but we are looking at it and working with the CEA to help get this going. The state has tapped out the most they will reimburse districts at \$50,000, as of 2017. Discretionary funding is at the 2009 levels.

Review of Portables

The district moved two portables from the Hayden site to Atlas and Hayden Meadows received one additional portable. A Ramsey portable was re-opened for use this year and there are still portables at CHS and LCHS.

Facility Needs

Brian Wallace and Bryan Martin gave some background information on facilities and handed out the current costs of needs listed on the updated list of Phase I Projects. The Board wants to use the Hayden Lake site as an attendance zone school for the 16/17 school year. The LRP recommendation to the Board was to sell the Thomas Lane property (which has been sold) and then to sell the Hayden site.

CSG (Construction Services Group) Report

CSG is a company that looked at our growth and enrollment projections. We projected a 2% growth. We are up this year at the elementary level and down at the secondary level. CSG reported that we could easily fill one elementary school with the number of students from portables at all the elementary schools.

LRP Recommendations

The LRP Committee’s main direction is to implement Phase I and Phase II and to run a bond in March. Steve Casey posed a question about Phase II. Dalton is the only school left that hasn’t been touched in recent history. Do we want to put money into the Hayden Lake site before a remodel to Dalton? The startup costs to open the Hayden site are highest for staffing and furniture. A full building can hold 350 kids. A good estimate to open the Hayden site is \$1M. Jenn Decker asked if we have money to purchase land and design for a new elementary school. Brian Wallace said we have money from the sale of the Thomas Lane property to purchase land but not for design work.

New Bond Advisor Report

Brian Wallace presented a Powerpoint on the bond advisor (Piper Jaffray) report recently shown to the Board. He explained that a bond requires a 2/3 majority approval and historically the best time to pass bonds are in the March election cycle. The district has two outstanding bonds. Discussion ensued on the different scenarios and public perception.

Next Meeting

Lisa stated the committee will review the plan for the M & O/Bond.

Adjourn – 6:35 p.m.

Submitted by Shelley Hanzen