

## Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)

### Minutes

November 28, 2022

Midtown Center Meeting Room

#### ***Members in Attendance:***

John Beacham  
Constance Bond  
Kate Dolan  
Christina Harris  
Nancy Hart  
Jody Hiltenbrand  
Victoria Honetschlager  
Jason Hover

Caleb Hurley  
Jodi Johnson  
Michelle Johnson  
Royce Johnson  
Kimberly Judd  
Mike Lindquist  
Brinnon Mandel  
Tara Nelson

Marissa Owen  
Kari Peterson  
Stephanie Quagliana  
Kelly Rhodes  
Mallory Saccone  
Trina Scott  
Lindsey Swingrover

#### ***School Board Liaison:***

Heather Tenbrink

#### ***Ex-Officio Staff:***

Chris Bosley  
Shon Hocker  
Jeff Voeller  
Pam Westberg

**Members not able to attend:** David Brandi, Michael Brewer, Shantel Reaves, Teri Runge Nipp, and Brian Waddell.

**Call the Meeting to Order:** Chair Lindsey Swingrover opened the meeting at 4:32 pm.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Constance Bond to approve the agenda, second by Jodi Hiltenbrand. Motion passed 17-0.

#### **Business:**

- **Approval of October 24, 2022 Minutes:** Motion by Constance Bond to approve the October 24, 2022 minutes, second by Stephanie Quagliana. Motion passed 17-0.

**The following members arrived at 4:40 pm:** Christina Harris, Victoria Honetschlager, Jodi Johnson, Kimberly Judd, Kelly Rhodes, and Mallory Saccone.

#### **Board Report: Trustee Heather Tenbrink**

- **ISBA Legislative Resolutions:** Trustee Tenbrink shared the following Legislative Resolutions that Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) should be aware of:
  - Increase Terms on School Plant Facility Levy presented by Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls and Lakeland School Districts.
    - Changing the allowable term for a school plant facilities reserve fund levy from a period not to exceed ten years, to a period not to exceed twenty years. This would allow districts to ask for larger amounts and spread out the burden over a longer period of time.
    - This would make a more viable option for districts to consider to use for the construction of schools.
  - Revolving Loan Grant Fund for School Facilities presented by West Bonner School District.
    - Obtaining funding for capital improvements is a hardship on local districts. Lottery dollars are not sufficient, and bond elections are controversial and are difficult to pass the 2/3rds majority. The fiscal impact of this resolution shall be determined on an annual basis dependent on excess funding received for the year.
  - Impact Fees for School Districts presented by Kuna School District.
    - Adding "Public School Facilities" to the definition of "Public Facilities" would allow school districts to access funding under Title 67 Chapter 82. This will create an equitable

program for planning and financing public facilities needed to serve new growth and development.

- One-Time Facility Funding and Eligibility for Permanent Building Funds presented by Moscow School District.
  - School districts that are facing rapidly increasing enrollment or in need of repair or replacement due to aging school facilities, primarily have the one option of a bond for the construction of new facilities. Meanwhile, the State is holding a large surplus of funds that could be used to help meet their (or the) constitutional requirement of maintaining an equitable educational program and reduce the burden of possible increases in property taxes.
- **Levy Resolutions:**
  - Trustee Tenbrink shared that the Board approved the following levies for the March 14, 2023 election:
    - A School Plant Facilities Levy (SPFL) for \$5 million for 5 years. (Total \$25 million.)
    - A Maintenance & Operations Levy (M & O) for \$25 million in perpetuity.

#### **March 2023 Levies:**

- Mr. Voeller shared the Deferred Maintenance, Safety and Security slides and spreadsheet that he shared with the Board on November 7, 2022. (See slide and spreadsheet attached.)
- The Deferred Maintenance, Safety and Security highest priorities are for Deferred Maintenance, land development and inflation. Below are some Deferred Maintenance projects:
  - HVAC systems that need repair or replacement at Lake City High School, Canfield Middle School, District Office, Dalton, Bryan, and Fernan Elementary Schools.
  - Roof replacement at Coeur d'Alene High School, Fernan, Hayden Meadows, and Skyway Elementary Schools.
  - Well systems upgrades and four schools with deduct meters needing to be replaced.
  - Transportation department additional bathrooms.
  - Maintenance department upgrading bathrooms.
  - Safety and security entrances at Hayden Meadows, Skyway, Fernan, Dalton, and Ramsey Elementary Schools.
  - Enlarge Midtown Center to hold more people for Board meetings and District trainings. (If funding is available, the Midtown structure will be able to include a folding partition wall.)
  - LRPC volunteered to be on a subcommittee to work on prioritizing the Deferred Maintenance, Safety and Security projects: (Meeting dates and times will be sent out to the subcommittee.)
    - Lindsey Swingrover
    - Kimberly Judd
    - Royce Johnson
    - Constance Bond
    - Mike Lindquist
    - John Beachman
- **SPFL & M & O:**
  - Dr. Hocker and Mr. Voeller shared the Coeur d' Alene Schools Levy informational document. (See attached.)
  - Per the State, a supplemental levy (M & O) can only be voted on every 2 years or set in perpetuity.

- The supplemental levy (M & O) needs to pass with an approval over 50%.
  - This would replace the 2 year supplemental levy expiring next year. The levy provides one-quarter of our annual operating funds, and pays for employee costs, textbooks and classroom supplies, student computers, extracurricular activities, safety personnel, student transportation, custodial services, and more.
- The Safety and Maintenance Levy (SPFL) needs to pass with an approval of 55%.
  - This levy would expire after 5 years and would fund deferred maintenance and safety projects not currently funded from State and local revenues. This includes school repairs and updates of mechanical systems, plumbing, roofs, flooring, fences, parking lots, security cameras and other safety equipment.
- The M & O supplemental levy will help the District retain staff who may choose to leave due to uncertainty of the bi-annual levy, creates consistency in operations, and saves the District and County money each levy cycle.
- LRPC suggested some revisions to the working Levy CDA Schools document:
  - Clarify the words “classified and certified” because the community may not know what these mean.
  - Give examples of electives and enrichment classes that may be cut if the levy does not pass.
  - List what will be offered to students if the levy does not pass.
- There are over 500 classified employees in the CDA School District that make less than \$15.00 an hour with a five year hold and certified staff salary starts at \$41,000 a year and does not increase for over 5 years. The levy will help the District correct this to make it more competitive with other school districts.
- We live in an amazing community and people are moving here because of that, but what makes our community so amazing is our schools and the programs we have.
- The State only allows four times a year for school elections: March, May, August and November.
- District employees can advocate after contracted hours. LRPC members that are not District employees can advocate anytime.

**The Next LRPC Meeting:** January 23, 2023 at Midtown Center (1505 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street - CDA) starting at 4:30 pm.

**Adjourned:** Motion by Kari Peterson to adjourn the meeting, second by Royce Johnson. Motion passed 23-0. Chair Lindsey Swingrover adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Pam Westberg