

Lake Street Building Committee
July 20, 2004
Chamberlain School

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Ted Belitsos
Ms. Catherine Dodge
Ms. Deb Farrago
Ms. Vickie Gaylord

Mr. Jon Goodwin
Ms. Jackie Strong
Ms. Cathy Wilson

Others Present: Jude Cyr, Business Manager.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting began at 6:10 P.M.

Mr. Cyr called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

II. DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Cyr discussed the State Board meeting held on July 14, 2004 and the status of the project to date.

Mr. Cyr stated that Mr. Blatt presented the concept design and displayed a new 3-D model to the State Board. They were very appreciative of the extra effort we have been putting forward for this project. They like the site and what Mr. Blatt has done by using the contour of the site to construct the building.

Mr. Cyr discussed how the budget decreased by \$14,000 because Mr. Blatt did some changes that the State asked for. He pointed out how the budget shows that this will be an energy efficient building. This was necessary in order for us to qualify for a Public Utilities grant of up to \$120,000. Mr. Blatt is working on a new school in Portland that is going for the LEED (Leader in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification. He is bringing his knowledge from this project to use for our New Elementary School.

Mr. Cyr stated that the Timeline was shared with the State. They understand the benefits we would gain by having a September Referendum. The City Council needs to approve this and we do have a request in to them. Mr. Cyr presented information on the bond question as well as the bond date to the City Council at a meeting held on Monday, July 12. The bond question must contain two parts; one asking if you support the state and local component of \$9.6 million, and one asking if you support the local only component of \$700,000. When discussing the timing of the referendum, two councilors were hesitant to support a September Referendum due to the unknown cost savings of having it in September versus November, the already scheduled voting time. It would cost money to have a special referendum, approximately \$2000. Mr. Cyr explained to them the advantages of opening the school in September as opposed December. This issue is planned to be on the agenda at next Monday's City Council Meeting. Mr. Cyr asked anyone who could to attend and give his or her support. Mr. Cyr stated that he is in the process of getting some cost saving estimates from Mr. Blatt and should have that by the end of the week. He reported that the State supports the Timeline as it is now, but is willing to work with us if changes need to be made.

Some committee members asked if we were still going to have another Public Hearing in September. Mr. Cyr stated that we have met our requirements by already having two public hearings, however, it would benefit us to have another to give updates on the progress of the project. Mr. Goodwin agreed that it was a good idea to plan another Public Hearing so that we could provide the community with as much information as possible.

Mr. Cyr reported that as part of the Bond question, we must inform the public of how the operating expenditures will increase. He stated that he is working with Mr. Blatt on this piece as well.

Mr. Goodwin requested another Building Committee Meeting prior to the referendum when all the

information is available. Mr. Cyr stated that we could have another meeting, and we can plan to have it sometime after July 30. This will be decided at a later date.

Mr. Goodwin asked if the PR Committee could have a map of the school districts to show people who would be attending the New Elementary School. Mr. Cyr stated that we could provide the map, but cannot say for certain which areas will definitely be going to the new school. Some of the lines may be tweaked a little bit. He stated that we might see dramatic line changes after the next phase of the Master Plan, the Washburn/East Auburn renovation.

Dr. Belitsos asked if there had been any more discussions on moving the play field a little or making it a little larger. He noted this had been brought up at prior meetings, but it was always something we would discuss later. Mr. Cyr stated that we could not make it larger due to the elevation surrounding the field. Ms. Farrago asked if we could have measurements so we could compare to the current Lake St. School and Webster play yards. Dr. Belitsos asked to discuss this further prior to the referendum. Mr. Cyr stated that he would talk to Mr. Blatt.

Mr. Cyr reminded everyone that the City Council Meeting is on Monday, July 26, at 7:00 P.M. with a 5:30 workshop prior to that.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.