

Sherman County School District Facilities Planning Meeting II - Meeting Notes

Monday, January 28, 2013 | 5:00pm | Sherman County Library Conference Room

Meeting called by	Sherman County School Board	Attendees: Ken Melzer, Bill Martin, Ree Ella von Borstel, Erin Stone, Kristi Coelsch, Jesse Stutzman Jim Macnab, Amy Huffman, Kalie Rolfe, Brandon Hammond, Wes Owens
Type of meeting	Planning Committee	
Facilitator	Ken Melzer/Bill Martin	
Note taker	Erin Stone/Kalie Rolfe	
Timekeeper	Bill Martin	

AGENDA TOPICS

Agenda topic Review & Approval of Meeting I Notes | **Presenter** Bill Martin, Chair

Discussion: Group agreed minutes should be titled notes and approved with thus changes. Notes will be posted to the website before the next meeting.

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Make change to meeting notes heading and send to Wes	Erin Stone	February 15, 2013

Agenda topic: Architects West Presentation of Possible Options | **Presenter** Ed

Discussion: Ed passed out site drawings for the high school and showed option "F" from 2009 for review only and as a reference point. Option "F" started at \$15 million and was edited to \$10.8 million before the bond was voted down. He also noted that the HVAC and window upgrades included in the 2009 option "F" are already complete with the grant secured this last summer, 2012. Ed visited the district and high school site again recently and presented some new concepts with safety being more focal than in 2009. The best safety strategy is a continuous building that is observable, with limited entrances and site circulation. The current remote structures and vehicle thorough-fares are not the best safety options. Given those parameters, Ed showed the committee a new concept:

- Realign the road along the edge of the campus
- Design dedicated, secure play areas
- Add an elementary commons with a new kitchen
- Add an auditorium
- Add a separate elementary wing
- 22,000 square feet of new construction
- Estimated \$180 per square foot in construction costs.

Wes commented that this configuration saves building a new gymnasium, the largest cost looming. A discussion regarding the importance of cost effectiveness being balanced with programmatically beneficial necessities ensued. The conclusion was that there are many ways of approaching needs and wants and that the new concept presented

captures many of the benefits of the 2009 design but greatly reduces the budget by eliminating the need to build another gymnasium.

Ed let the committee know that one of the 1st decisions is deciding whether the building will be under one roof or not. Member Stone added that the committee must also decide whether a multi-million dollar project is acceptable to the group and how much we are willing to spend before we can really pursue the details of design.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Group to vote and decide a rough estimated range of acceptable spending for the single campus recommendation.	Full Committee	February 19, 2013
Gather loan options information	Brandon Hammond	February 19, 2013

Agenda topic *Modular Options* | **Presenter** *Superintendent Owens*

Discussion: The committee reviewed the current high school space and photos of modular buildings at other school sites. A map of a wing designed for the gap between the old tennis courts west of the gymnasium, the oil shed, and the corner next to the shop was passed out. Mr. Owens explained that this is a modular, NOT PORTABLE, concept. The modular is built primarily off-site and then assembled on a foundation like traditional construction on site. This option is significantly less expensive, estimated \$3.25 million, including site work. The committee wants to understand the quality of modular instead of traditional construction. The committee would like to have a modular company come present and answer questions and gather some information from school districts using modulars 10+ years and older.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Arrange for modular presentation	Superintendent Owens	February 19,2013
Gather other school district information on 10+ years modulars	Superintendent Owens	February 19, 2013

Agenda topic *Touch Base & Next Meeting* | **Presenter** *Mr. Martin*

Discussion: Chairman Martin asked each member to state what information is the most important to them.

- Member Huffman: How much money we need to spend. In favor of a modular building, if research shows it is a viable option. Specifically, she would like to know if school districts that have a modular building would have made the same decision.
- Member Coelsch: What programs have we lost? Modular is a great option if they last. She would also like to focus on building layout and education.
- Member Hammond: Would like to stay away from a bond. Would like more information on a low interest loan option.
- Member Stutzman: Would like to focus on funding.
- Member von Borstel: Would like to focus on funding, both for education and the building.
- Member Macnab: More information about the modular option and building layout.
- Member Melzer: Facility layout.

- Chair Martin: Building layout.
- Member Jett: Building layout, funding.
- Member Rolfe: Layout.
- Member Stone: Remodeling of the existing space viability.

Chairman Martin followed up asking which layout each committee member favored thus far.

- Member Hammond: In favor of central administration office, one side leading to the elementary and one side leading to the jr/sr high.
- Member Stutzman: In favor of 2009 option "F" building option, excluding the ball fields.
- Member von Borstel: Would like to know more about using parts of the current building that are being underutilized
- Member Macnab: Not in favor of moving the road.
- Member Melzer: In favor on central entry by administrative offices, commons in the middle of the layout.
- Chair Martin: In favor of a combination, cost of the modular with a layout similar to the 2009 option "F" building plan.
- Superintendent Ownes: In favor of keeping education the focus as well as the safety of students.
- Member Jett: Safety of students.
- Member Huffman: In favor of 2009 option "F" layout.
- Member Coelsch: A combination of all of the layouts, very important to have elementary children separate from jr/sr high students.
- Member Stone: In favor of exploring remodeling the existing space, keeping safety and educational benefits as the top priority.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Next Meeting	Full Committee	February 19, 2013, 5pm