

Meridian CUSD #223
Facility Committee Meeting
June 27, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members present: John Cox, Jim Miller, Tim Jagielski, Barb Patzner, Sandy McCammond, Ron Pifkin, Don Holmertz, Jill Huber, Julie Weber, Kim Flynn, Bob Prusator

Bob Prusator reviewed the survey which was distributed at the last meeting asking the committee members to select a project option. He relayed that out of 19 responses, 13 of the group preferred an option including an auditorium while two favored a new high school and four indicated a desire for a project without an auditorium.

Bob Prusator next reviewed an auditorium option that Mr. Jagielski thought the committee might consider. The option included remodeling the existing performance area into a more formal auditorium setting. Mr. Jagielski provided background information on the option including the various components of the remodeling. Mr. Prusator distributed architectural drawings of the remodeled space. It was also stated that if the current area was converted to a dedicated performance space, the committee would recommend constructing a new gym to make up for the space lost to the committed performance space. Mr. Prusator also reviewed the cost for remodeling the existing space and constructing the new gym at a cost of \$2,768,320. The cost of this project would be approximately \$2 million less than constructing a new auditorium. The committee then moved to the current auxiliary gym to assess the available space.

Bob Prusator next reviewed updated costs for all of the construction options. He relayed that because of more recent construction projects, the architect felt it was important to update the cost sheets for the projects. Mr. distributed updated cost summaries.

Bob Prusator distributed updated bond payment schedules and bond rate increases reflecting the increases in construction cost.

Mr. Pifkin reviewed options for paying down the bond payments more quickly in order to reduce future debt for the next possible construction project.

Bob Prusator next reviewed the current options that the committee is considering and asked for feedback. The committee discussed the options of a new high school and the other option of no new buildings. Mr. Prusator reviewed possible grade configurations for each of those options. The committee expressed its commitment to the current

preliminary recommendation of a new 4-6 building; addition to SVHS and the other remodeling projects identified in the preliminary recommendation.

Bob Prusator reviewed with the committee the desired timeline of bringing a recommendation to the School Board at the July meeting. Mr. Prusator asked the committee to consider coming to consensus on the best option for that recommendation. The consensus of the committee was to support the preliminary recommendation and utilizing the concept of remodeled performance area for the dedicated auditorium space. Mr. Prusator and the committee then selected Thursday, July 12, 2007 as the next meeting date at SVHS.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 p.m.