

Regional School
District 13
Board of Education
Utilization Committee
Meeting

June 17, 2014

Committee Members Present: Robert Fulton (Chair), Norm Hicks, Merrill Adams

Board Members Present: Kerrie Flanagan, Nancy Boyle
RSD 13 Members Present: Ron Melnik, Kathy Veronesi, Rob Francis, Jim Croteau

Discussion

- Keep Korn for an alternative use and prepare for eventual building use if enrollment or program design warrants. Also consider lease for cost neutral.
- Could consider leasing to other agencies such as ACES.
- Consideration of leaving all costs and plans
- Attach cover letter
- Renovate as new has significant pros and very few cons. One significant con in this scenario would be an increase per pupil expenditure.
- Do we have DRA make corrections or should we simply accept the document as is and attach a letter.
- Will need to have continual updates.
- Indicate that we may come up with a hybrid of the options.
- We need to be mindful that the report does not frame the conversation
- Some community concerns about the upkeep of the buildings if the school no longer owns them.
- Consider having more evening meetings in the summer so that the public can attend
- Bob and Kath will continue to meet to finalize report

Review of Local Authorization of Project Funding

- Local funding authorization must cover all project costs including any site acquisition costs. State statute requires local authorization of 100% of the even if the project costs local authority will actually be funding its share.
- The expenditure amount must be noted in the vote. (All monies come from some tax revenue local or state.)
- Must we have a question for the amount we are going to bond?
- Should consider having a project manager as we head into decisions that involve expertise beyond that of the committee?
- When does a Building Committee get formed? Ron will find out and share with committee.
- Committee for athletic field created a building committee before going to bond.
- Should have a bond council review a timeline including legislative process.

Timeline

- Review of Dates for Priority List Projects
 - Year One**
 - June: Deadline for projects to be submitted to Governor for legislature
 - October: SDE notifies applicants
 - December: SDE submits Priority List to Governor and Ed Committee
- **Year Two**
 - February: Ed Committee submits approved list to Governor and General Assembly
 - Spring/Summer: Grant commitments entered on behalf of the state, SDE notifies applicants of grant commitments for projects
 - Summer: Begin construction
- **Year Three:**
 - Spring/Summer: Start of Construction Deadline.

Misc

- Discussion of current capital needs including Brewster roof.
- Consideration of prior process relative to project management.
- Discussion process on concept drawings.
- Must assure educational benefit as well as an economic benefit.
- Must develop a plan to account for configuration we are suggesting.
- Look at short-term loan options

Request from DRA:

- Page 5-9 C3 in the year 2018-2019.

Next meeting:

- July 9th at 6 pm Central Office.
- Ron to invite firms to discuss the bond process.