

Regional School District 13  
Board of  
Education  
Utilization Committee Meeting

January 13, 2015  
4:00pm

Members Present: Merrill Adams, Kerrie Flanagan, Robert Fulton, Norm Hicks

Also Present: Jeremy Renninghoff

Administrators Present: Superintendent Kathryn Veronesi, Business Manager Ronald Melnik

Chairman Fulton called the meeting to order at 4:06pm after it was determined that a quorum was present

**1. Public Comment:** None

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Hicks made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Flanagan seconded the motion.

Opposed to the motion: None

Abstained from voting: None

Motion passed.

**Items 5 & 7 are on hold as the persons involved to speak on these issues were not present.**

**3. Approval of Minutes – December 4, 2014**

Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2014. Mrs. Flanagan seconded the motion.

Opposed to the motion: None

Abstained from voting: None

Motion passed.

**4. Phased Implementation**

Dave Lenihan and Hugh Pearson were not able to attend the meeting this evening. Mr. Melnik does not have Moser Pilon Nelson's presentation as well. He shared a document outlining the project schedule. Mr. Melnik discussed a meeting that was held with Hugh Pearson regarding the timeline. Dates were set for the next Utilization Committee and

Educational Resources Committee meetings. Dave Lenihan and Hugh Pearson will be present at the Utilization Committee meeting on January 21 so they can hear the presentations together. There was discussion of implementing construction at the same time as a school might close. Take more from the amount to perform repairs on one school to aid in the closing of another. There may be the temporary reactivation of closed portable classrooms. We need costs associated with school renovation as well as the closure of one or more schools. Mr. Fulton mentioned that the public is looking for action on the projects. There was discussion regarding the possible closing of Korn School and the year of implementation possibly at the conclusion of the 16-17 school year. There will be further discussion regarding enrollment per grade versus year versus location, and building capacity versus enrollment. Closing Korn School takes the pressure off other projects. Mrs. Adams noted that we need to continually look at the education of the children. Staffing issues need to be examined more carefully and perhaps not be included in the next budget. It is easier to take money out of a budget than to add money to the budget. Dr. Veronesi noted that we need a plan that reaches further out than the simple closing of a school. Mr. Melnik mentioned that projects following the closing of a school would take place at least one year later. Work on the feasibility of a phased closing of Korn at the end of the 16-17 school year while working simultaneously on other projects to absorb students on a more permanent basis.

#### **5. Update on Cost Analysis Proposal from Dave Lenihan including timeline and fees**

Move to agenda of 1/21/2015

#### **6. Discussion re: impact of debt/debt payments on cost per student over time**

Mrs. Flanagan provided the committee with a document that explains different ways to think about how we can leverage our operating budget with taking on additional debt. We need to understand the impact to bonding over a 20-year period. A document was distributed that shows comparisons of capital outlay versus annual payment over three scenarios as well as the addition of the Brewster roof project. It is important to remember that cost per student at the FTE level does not include debt. All of these numbers are based on capital outlay.

#### **7. Review Moser Pilon Nelson's scope of work**

Move to agenda of 1/21/2015

**8. Create sub-committee structure and committee participation in such**

Discussion at a later time.

**9. Adjournment**

Mr. Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion.