

Regional School District 13
Board of Education
Utilization Committee Meeting

January 21, 2015
4:00pm

Members Present: Merrill Adams, Kerrie Flanagan, Robert Fulton, Norm Hicks (arrived at 4:30pm)

Also Present: Jeremy Renninghoff, Hugh Pearson from Moser Pilon Nelson

Administrators Present: Superintendent Kathryn Veronesi, Business Manager Ronald Melnik

Chairman Fulton called the meeting to order at 4:05pm after it was determined that a quorum was present

1. Public Comment: None

2. Approval of Agenda: Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Flanagan second the motion.

Opposed to the motion: None

Abstained from voting: None

Motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2015

The minutes were not available, the agenda item was tabled.

4. Discussion with Hugh Pearson of Moser Pilon Nelson on timeline and information needed for referendum

Hugh Pearson from Moser Pilon Nelson presented a power point presentation based upon the goals of the committee. Mr. Pearson outlined the steps required to get to the point of referendum including type of renovation, school closures, etc.

The community needs to know we can substantiate the costs that are being proposed. The maximum percentage of reimbursement is 55.57% for additions and renovations, and 43.47% for a new facility.

The committee reviewed worksheets with samples using two existing buildings. The portables were not considered in the formula. The

projected enrollment number for the formula considers the highest projected enrollment in the following 8 year period. Reimbursement can be impacted by examining/directing population between the two ultimately designed schools.

Mr. Pearson showed an example of the state formula worksheet for determining the reimbursement rate.

The committee will create a referendum brochure to explain where and why we are spending money.

Mr. Pearson stated it is very unlikely the state will not approve the plan. Mr. Pearson described a potential process for reducing time by advancing the schedule by a year by accelerating the design phase and submitting the ED049. If there is an option for emptying a building, the timeframe for renovation can be accelerated.

The committee gave Dr. Veronesi and Mr. Melnik the directive to examine closing Korn School for the 2016-17 school year.

5. Discussion with Dave Lenihan on the timeline and information

Mr. Lenihan was unable to attend the meeting. The committee asked Dr. Veronesi and Mr. Melnik to agree on a proposal from Mr. Lenihan outlining the scope of the work he will perform.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion.