

Hillsboro R-III School District  
Facilities Master Planning  
Committee Meeting  
January 30, 2006  
Hillsboro Junior High Library



Meeting Notes

I. **Introduction**

Assistant Superintendent and committee co-chair, Tom Muzzey at 7:08 p.m., opened meeting.

**Central Office Administrative Members Present:**

Tom Muzzey, Assistant. Superintendent, Co-Chair

**Board Members Present:**

George Englebach

Randy Hargis

**Community Members Present:**

Dave Tucker, Co-Chair

Maurice Ijames, Tony Koenig, Carrie Marschutz, Sherry Phillips,  
Frank Pounds, Russell Schmidt, John DePriest

**Employee Members Present:**

Cathy Freeman, Jen Gyngard, Mona Hunt, Shannon Murray, Lynn  
Russell, Nicki Russell, Jimmy Turner

II. **Review Of Information**

Mr. Muzzey opened the discussion for questions or comments regarding the last meeting. He answered questions regarding the short-term proposal and the progress of the athletic complex.

III. **Financial Report**

Mr. Charles reported that the interest accrued on the bond issue money brings the total to 4.1 million, rather than the 3.5 million that was reported earlier to the committee.

Mr. Charles explained that the district's balances are at 30-35%, which is healthy enough to pick up the cost of some of the items on the short-range plan. However, the committee was cautioned that there are several things that should be taken into consideration when planning to spend reserves:

- a. Salaries—the district needs to be competitive
- b. The state foundation formula—how much will we get?

- c. Recurring expenditures—hard to continue to fund if a one-time source is used

The difference between bond issues and lease purchase was discussed, and merits of each weighed.

Mr. Charles estimates that a new building may cost around \$9 million dollars. This estimate could be lower depending on negotiations over streets and sewer with land developer near the district's site.

Mr. Charles then presented an estimated timeline of when a new building would be needed and when construction should start:  
*(Projections are based on enrollment estimates; a more realistic timeline could be developed after the start of the 2006-07 school year when actual enrollment data is available)*

- Spring 2007—decision put to voters
- Spring/Summer 2008—construction of building
- New attendance center opens—Fall of 2009-10 school year

IV. **Discussion of Alternative Program Placement**

Committee members discussed the need for more immediate solutions to the Alternative Program's facility problem, since room in the Intermediate South would not be available until a new school is built. Mr. Hargis suggested transforming the current Administration Building into a school to house the program.

V. **Recommendation to the Board of Education for Long Term Facility Planning**

The Facility Review Committee will make the following recommendations to the Board:

Current projections indicate that the Hillsboro R-III School District will experience growth at the rate of 50 students a year for the next five years. Translating this boost in enrollment into class sizes and numbers, it becomes clear that the Primary and Intermediate buildings will soon be out of space.

The Facility Review Committee therefore recommends that an additional attendance center be constructed on the land purchased on Sandy Valley Road.

It is the proposal of the committee that the new building be elementary in nature, and that the capacity be for approximately 700 students.

The committee recommends that the appropriate delivery model for the new construction be decided after consultation with faculty, staff and parents, using a variety of feedback methods.

The committee charges district administration and the Board of Education with decisions regarding timelines and funding sources for the new construction as data is collected during the summer and fall of 2006.

It is also the proposal of the committee that community stakeholders be kept abreast of the progression of all major district projects and decisions. Committee members feel strongly that communications begin early and remain constant in effort to ensure public trust.

**VI. Adjournment of Meeting**

Mr. Muzzey thanked members for their dedication to the committee, and adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

No future meeting date is set at this time.