

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MINUTES

January 18, 2016

The Work Session was called to order by President Bryan Arzani at 6:01 pm in the high school library; Board members Dan Kirkpatrick, Josh Hughes, Jeremy Maske, and Eddie Vonnahme were all present. In addition, the following people were in attendance: Rick Seely and Jim Henry from OPN Architects, Ray Condon, Rick Gray, Don Bedwell, Brad Seymour, and Jason Fantz from the Building and Grounds Committee, and Geoff Tessau, Steve Kaster, Eric Borlaug, and Kevin Fiene. Everyone then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Fiene shared background information regarding Phase I of the potential building projects to include an auditorium, bus/maintenance building, and Career and Technical Education (CTE) shop space.

- The three potential projects were an outgrowth of work/research done over the years by the Building and Grounds Committee
- The Board directed the superintendent to put together a Request for Proposal for architectural services for Phase I of the planning – site planning; OPN Architects eventually were selected from the bid process at the August 31, 2015 Board meeting
- A steering committee has been working with OPN over the past four months in developing site planning for the three potential projects, as well as any future expansion needs of the district
- Thus far stakeholders for the three potential projects have had input into basic needs of each facility
- As Phase I moves along, additional input will be solicited from both the entire staff and the public

Rick Seely and Jim Henry from OPN Architects then took the group through a PowerPoint of four different options for locations of the potential building projects. Each option included developing additional access to the school property by building a road east of the current football field, and then back to the west behind the current school buildings, e.g., opening up access to the property purchased a number of years ago by the district. Each plan showed potential location of the auditorium, bus/maintenance building, and additional CTE shop space, as well as possible locations for additional expansion of classrooms et al. should the need develop. No specific plans were shared as they have not been developed as that is not the purpose of Phase I, e.g., site planning only. Rick and Jim then led a discussion around larger drawings of the four options; a focus was on recording perceived pros and cons of each plan from the group. The next steps in the Phase I process will be to refine the concept drawings of the four options, solicit input from the entire I-35 staff, solicit input from the public/district patrons, develop a cost estimate for each potential project, and a potential phasing plan for completion of the projects. At that point, the decision to move forward with Phase II, e.g., actual plan development and building, will be presented to the Board of Directors of Interstate 35 Community School District.

After substantial question and answer time from the Board and Building and Grounds Committee, at 8:07 p.m., motion by Dan Kirkpatrick, second by Josh Hughes to adjourn; motion carried 5-0.

Bryan Arzani, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary