

Long Range Planning

Minutes August 23, 2004

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Present: **Anne Shipe, Paul Matherne, Carol Hurt, John Herrmann, Dean Riddick, Linda McRaven, Michael Coppola, Donnell Smith, Diane Behrens, Al Reaser,** Lisa Glass, **Willie Smith,** Jackson Zimmerman, Wayne Cilimberg, Tom Foley

Dr. Behrens opened the meeting thanking the committee for their work and for being there tonight. She explained what the agenda and focus would be for this meeting.

Welcome

Mr. Reaser introduced the changes made in the DRAFT CIP document. The biggest changes were a result of the unprecedented price increases. The committee discussed each page of the document and comments were made. The information below details the changes made that will be sent forward to the School Board.

CIP

The CIP request and associated revisions are a reflection of the anticipated growth that the school division will experience over the next five years, which includes an additional 559 elementary students and 89 high school students, while our middle school enrollment will decline by 218 students.

The new projects included in this request are primarily upgrades and/or modifications of existing facilities and sites, to accommodate current programs and anticipated growth. The new projects are as follows:

1. Vehicle Maintenance Facility – Emergency Generator - 2005/06
2. Murray High Renovations - 2005/06
3. Jouett-Greer Site Reconfiguration - 2005/06
4. Red Hill Elementary Addition/Renovation – 2008/09
5. Scottsville Addition/Renovation - 2008/09
6. Gymnasium HVAC and Lighting Replacement – 2008/09
7. Greer Elementary Renovations - 2009/10
8. Henley Auxiliary PE/Meeting Space -2009/10
9. Southern Urban Elementary School Addition - 2013/14

As seen in the previous year, the area is experiencing enormous increases in construction costs. Accordingly, project budgets have been adjusted. Additionally, the scope or timing of the following major projects has been revised:

1. Monticello HS Auditorium – The project has been moved forward three years, with the design process beginning in 2005/06 and construction in 2006/07.
2. Southern Urban Elementary – The size of the building has been decreased to accommodate 400 students rather than the original capacity of 600. However, the infrastructure, the library, cafeteria, etc., will remain large enough to accommodate 600 students.
3. Monticello Auxiliary Gym – The project scope has increased to include gym seating for 300, a weight room and a wrestling room.

The Maintenance Project budgets were revised significantly, to reflect current cost estimates. Additionally, critically needed and short energy cost payback projects were added, as follows:

1. Walton HVAC – The remainder of the project was included in 2005/06.
2. Masonry Repair for Agnor-Hurt and Broadus Wood – It was necessary to include this project in 2005/06 to prevent further damage to the building.
3. Lighting Replacement/Upgrades – Various schools will have interior lighting replaced and upgraded to begin in 2005/06.
4. Paving – Parking Lots and Play Areas will be paved and resealed at various locations in 2005/06.
5. VMF HVAC and Lighting Replacement – Interior lighting and HVAC replacement – 2006/07.

The total request for the next five years is \$81,615,000 with \$12,111,000 scheduled for 2005/06.

The following is a summary of the major projects that are funded for next year:

- Vehicle Maintenance Facility – Emergency Generator
- Maintenance and Replacement Projects
- Monticello HS Auditorium Design
- Monticello HS Auxiliary Gym Design and Construction
- Murray HS Office Renovations
- Southern Urban Elementary Design
- WAHS Window Replacement
- Henley Addition/Renovation

There was consensus from the committee to have these requests go forward to the School Board.

Dr. Behrens explained that Dr. Castner, Superintendent, shared with the Board the Long Range Planning Committee's desire to initiate the redistricting process to address identified split feeder pattern issues, to plan for straight feeder patterns countywide where appropriate, and to populate current and planned facilities K-12 with phased in implementation as facilities are ready.

Redistricting

The School Board agreed that the redistricting process should begin and the process outlined in the policy should be followed. The policy indicates that the redistricting committee is a Superintendent's committee and Dr. Castner will choose applicants. Dr. Castner accepted the recommendation from the committee to have the additional members to the redistricting committee be comprised of one member from the school community from each magisterial district and two at large members. The would make a committee of 8 current LRPC members and 8 new community members.

The committee also indicated that applications should be solicited through correspondence at the school level. Applicants should be aware of the huge commitment that will be required. Central Office staff will develop the application and an information sheet and will send to schools for distribution at Back - to - School nights. Information will also be posted on the web.

The committee also chose Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:00 as meeting days. A schedule will be developed that gives as much notice as possible.

The committee requested copies of the magisterial district maps. Mr. Reaser will provide those.

Other

The Long Range Planning Committee also asked that research be completed on the feasibility of a K-8 school and magnet schools. They would like the research done within the next year and a half prior to the next CIP cycle.

Dr. Behrens thanked the committee for their hard work in getting the CIP finished. The meetings for redistricting will be sent as soon as we have a schedule.

Future Meeting Dates

Minutes submitted by E. Diane Behrens, Executive Director Support Services