

REPUBLIC COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT # 109
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Thursday, March 10, 2016
Administration Office
6:00 p.m.

A special board meeting of the Board of Education, Republic County Unified School District No. 109 was held at the administration office on March 10, 2016. Board members present: Clay Siemsen, Brian McCartney, Chris Pachta, Loisann Brown, Kevin Milner, Clay Aurand and Daryl Rieke. Also present were Board Clerk Darice Wilkinson, Superintendent Mike Couch, Katie Struebing and Alan Sheets, Building Principals, Jerry McCall, Educational Services Consultant and Cynthia Scheer, The Belleville Telescope. No other guests were present.

Call to Order

Clay Siemsen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Educational Services Consulting Presentation. Jerry McCall, consultant, reviewed the proposals for East Elementary that had been presented at a previous session, and stated a partnership between the school district, hospital, city and economic development for a Pre-School/Daycare Center should be brought to the table and discussed. Jerry McCall presented his recommendations for the Jr. Sr. High School which included reorganizing classrooms in the current building and building a library media center on the front of the building. The media center would house a long distance learning center and would offer evening classes to adults. A FACS/Health Nutrition lab, art studio addition, and multipurpose room with a storm shelter would also be added on the south end of the building. The current art room would become a concession, men and women's restroom for the track/football field. He noted that this would be Phase 1 for the Jr. Sr. High School. Phase 2 could include other additions such as an auditorium and additional classrooms. Mr. McCall stated that when making decisions, the board should consider how the community could also benefit from the use of what is being proposed. He had estimated costs for both buildings at 7.3 million but emphasized architects and engineers would need to determine a more accurate estimate. The estimates did not include the roof or HVAC at the Jr. Sr. High School.

7:03 p.m. Clay Aurand left the meeting.

7:33 p.m. Jerry McCall left the meeting

Board Work Session. The board members reviewed the drawings and proposals that Mr. McCall had presented. Alan Sheets and Katie Struebing stated what options they felt would work and which ones did not work for their buildings, and what was still "missing" from the proposals. Both felt that the proposals did not meet space requirements needed for their current enrollment numbers. It was the consensus of the board to continue discussions at either another special meeting or at the regular April meeting and to provide Mr. McCall with some feedback as to what they would like to see in his final presentation to the board in April. The board invites patron input as they try to determine the best options for our students.

8:53 p.m. Clay Aurand returned to the meeting

Adjournment. A motion to adjourn was made by Loisann Brown and seconded by Kevin Milner. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.