

MINUTES OF FACILITIES WORK MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 151
SCHOOL CENTRAL OFFICE ON THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2018 AT 2:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS:	Ryan Cranney	Zone 1, Board Chairman
	Jeff Rasmussen	Zone 2 (Excused)
	Darin Moon	Zone 3
	Bruce Thompson	Zone 4
	Heber Loughmiller	Zone 5, Board Vice-Chairman

ADMINISTRATORS:	Gaylen Smyer	Superintendent
	Sandra Miller	Assistant Superintendent

TREASURER:	Chris James
CLERK:	Pamela Teeter

NEWS/MEDIA: Debbie Critchfield, Public Relations

The meeting was called to order for open session by Ryan Cranney, Chairman of the Board. (2:06 p.m.)

GUESTS: Curtis Richins

Ms. Critchfield stated that Mr. Arrington will be late due to a meeting in Rexburg, ID.

Ms. Critchfield handed out to the Board of Trustees an assessment of critical needs compiled by the Community Committee, explaining that she would like the Trustee to peruse the list and mark the items they feel are of need for a bond. She informed the Board of Trustees that Mr. John V Evan is leading the Community Committee. She told the Board of Trustees that the committee is supportive of running a school bond in November. She discussed the ramifications of running the bond in November versus March. Timing for running a bond in November will be successful because work can start in January; however, if the district waits to run a bond in March the District will have to wait two (2) full years to start work on the schools. Trustee Moon stated the committee is emphatic about running a school bond. Ms. Critchfield noted that Mr. Evans is the overpowering driving force for getting a bond passed.

There was discussion on how to alleviate the elementary growth problems and Cassia Jr/Sr. High School placement. Mr. James stated that historically, alternative schools have been placed in older school buildings as new school buildings are built.

Ms. Critchfield informed the Board of Trustees that Cassia Regional Tech Center (CRTC) teachers, Scott Street and Chad Evans suggested to CRTC Director, Curtis Richins that he drive by and look at the King's Warehouse as a site for a new Tech Center. Superintendent Smyer and Ms. Critchfield went over to look through the building with Mr. Tom King. Mr. King is asking \$6 million for the property. The building has one hundred twenty three (123) thousand sq. feet of warehouse space and eleven (11) thousand sq. feet of office space. When asked, Mr. Arrington stated that he could quote \$1 million to \$20 million to remodel the warehouse according to the wants of the Board of Trustees.

Ms. Critchfield discussed two (2) options for the Cassia Jr/Sr. High School. If the Cassia Regional Tech Center is moved, the alternative school will stay where it is and will utilize the Tech Center building for their school; or, move to the Dworshak Elementary building and build a new elementary school. Trustee Moon has concerns about building another elementary school in Burley.

Mr. Arrington handed out an assessment to the trustees and asked them to look it over choosing what they believe are the needs in the district.

Ms. Critchfield stated that the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) wants to be a good neighbor. The college is willing to help generate money for CTE classes. Mr. Richins discussed the different CTE classes that could be implemented in the tech center with the added room the warehouse would afford. There was discussion of the perception other schools and the communities of the Cassia School District have of the CRTC. Trustee Moon feels the community needs to understand that the CRTC is self-funding.

Trustee Moon discussed closing the Albion and Almo elementary schools. They discussed the consequences of the keeping the schools open vs. closing them and bussing the students to Declo and Raft River Elementary schools. There are 10 students attending Almo Elementary currently; however, if all the children in Almo attended school there, it would house approximately 43 students. It was noted that parents are choosing to send their children to Raft River Elementary.

Chairman Cranney discussed the fact that people are desirous to vote for the bond if certain things in the district are fixed (i.e. water at Raft River) and if they aren't fixed, they won't vote.

There was discussion of the different possibilities the King warehouse could open up with all the space it affords.

There was discussion of buying the park next to Declo High School. Superintendent Smyer stated during a meeting with Mr. Jay Darrington, past teacher and Declo resident last summer that Mr. Darrington explained he and some other Declo residents met with the City of Declo to discuss the school district buying the park. He told Superintendent Smyer those who own the park want to sell it to the school district. There was no discussion of a dollar amount. Mr. Arrington stated that it would cost a lot of money to move the utilities but that it is feasible to build onto the Declo High School and move the utilities.

Trustee Loughmiller feels there is a need for a gym at Burley Jr. High School and that Albion Elementary needs to have improvements made to the building.

There was discussion of finishing Declo Elementary and the need to finish all the projects started with the last bond.

Trustee Moon stated that the Community Committee recognizes the critical needs of the facilities now and would like Board input.

ADJOURN: Motion by Bruce Thompson and seconded by Darin Moon to adjourn. Voting Aye: Loughmiller, Thompson, Moon, Cranney; motion carried. (3:54 p.m.)