



Lawton Board of Education

Meeting Summary

Special Meeting

December 5, 2016

5:00 p.m. – Shoemaker Education Center

Members Present: Sharum, Bridges, Jester, Clodfelter, John

Members Absent: Curtis

Board Discusses Proposed 2017 Bond Election

Superintendent Dr. Tom Deighan introduced Dr. JoAnn Pierce, Aspire Higher Education and Leadership Consultant. Pierce was hired as a third party consultant to collect feedback from parents, staff, community members and city officials regarding the open-ended question: "If LPS has a bond issue, what should we invest in?" During the months of March and April, she held open forums, meetings and gave presentations. She also conducted an online survey from April to August.

Pierce presented and distributed packets of the compiled data to the board. She broke the data into eight themes. The number one priority from the responses was to "Provide for improvements to LPS to include acquiring, installing, and maintaining technology equipment/services as well as STEM components as needed district wide for optimal usage as a tool to increase student achievement."

After Pierce's presentation, the board discussed their goal of addressing student needs with the proposed bond ranging from facility upgrades to storm shelters. Deighan recapped prior site visits, meetings and processes that have been implemented. A special meeting for further discussion of the proposed bond is set for January 17th. The goal for that meeting will be to set a bond date and a timeline for the bond.

OSSBA eMeeting

Board members discussed their preference for viewing and using OSSBA eMeeting agendas beginning February 2017. The board decided to use their personal devices at home with a device set up for the board meetings. At the recommendation of Deighan, board members agreed to transition to a Lawton Public Schools email account.

Upcoming meeting

The board will meet in a regular meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, December 12 in the Shoemaker Education Center auditorium and will be televised live over LPS-TV – CH 98. Past regular board meetings are archived for viewing on YouTube and on the LPS website. The official minutes for this meeting will be approved at an upcoming board meeting.

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