Facilities Committee Meeting – 9/12/2013

The Facilities Committee met on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at the Crossett School District Administration Building. Those in attendance were:

Dr. Barbara Wood, Alicia Brown, Donald Flentroy, Jeff Langley, Barbara Garner, India Holt, Brian Holt, Steve Courson, Mike Webb, Glen McIntyre, Phillip Kelley, Sheila Woods, Thomas Hodge and Brittney Emanuel.

As in the past, the main topic of discussion was the need of a new high school. Crossett is not eligible for any help from the state because of declining enrollment. Schools that are getting state funding are schools that need the space, not necessarily schools that need new facilities because of the age and shape of the ones they are currently using. With this being said, the only way Crossett is ever going to be able to get a new building, whether it's for High School students or we swap buildings and build for Middle School students, is to pass a millage at possibly a 10 mill increase to be able to cover the expense. With the City just recently trying to get a sales tax increase passed to build new fire stations and recreation center, this is going to be a difficult task for this committee.

Mr. McIntyre stated that we need to be able to show the public what we want, where we want to build, and the benefits it will offer to the Crossett School District and we need to get a leadership team involved.

It was agreed by all that we are going to need to get a feasibility study together in order to convince the public that it is needed. Mr. Flentroy also suggested getting with other schools that have been in this same situation and see how they proceeded.

Dr. Wood stated that she would get with the Architect to come and meet with herself, Mr. Kelley, Mike Webb (Ideal Construction) and a board member so that we can get factual information that we don't have now.