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Facilities and Planning Advisory Committee Community Unit District 308 – East View Kindergarten Center 4209 Route 71, Oswego, IL 60543 February 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board of Education Member and Committee Co-Chair, Mr. Matt Bauman.

The attendance sheet was used in place of an official roll call.

Members in Attendance: Robert Allison, Mike Barr, Derrick Berlin, Christine Jaegle, Douglas Pfeiffer, Russell Pietrowiak, Mindy Renier, Jennifer Smith, Allison Sulkson, Amy Underwood, Heather Warner, Dan Wons

Board Member Co-Chairs: Matt Bauman and Lauri Doyle
Dr. Matthew Wendt, Superintendent, Ali Mehanti, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

Guests in Attendance: Dr. John Sparlin, Dr. Judith Minor, Mary Geraghty, Andrew McCree, Cathy Crawford, Mike Elliott, Clayton Haldeman

Members Absent: Danny Kenyon

Recording Secretary: Ursula Coan

II. Approval of Minutes from October 5, 2015

A motion was made by Matt Bauman to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2015 meeting. Lauri Doyle seconded the motion. All members in attendance agreed unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

III. Presentation: Facilities Update (East View, Brokaw, 308 Center, G.O.A.L.)

Mike Barr introduced the district architects, Clayton Haldeman and Mike Elliott as our presenters for the Facilities Plan. The plan primarily focuses on the use of Brokaw, East View and our 308 Center. The programs affected are Early Learning, Transition, G.O.A.L., Opportunity, Kindergarten and DAC.

The architects provided the committee with a presentation that showed the following changes:

- Brokaw (Early Learning) to East View
- Kindergarten to their home schools
- District Offices to 308 Center
- G.O.A.L and Opportunity Programs to Brokaw
- Transition Program to a house to be purchased

Dr. Wendt explained the G.O.A.L Program as being for students that are not able to function for a variety of reasons in a transitional classroom setting. The program is primarily for high school students, but some junior high students might qualify as well. The Opportunity Program is for students that need a therapeutic setting, highly structured and a small classroom.

Transition Program is for students between the age of 18 and 22 that qualify under the Special Education Plan. It should be more community based then school based, since they finished their school time. This program teaches life skills, functional skills as well as job training. It could be in a center or a home, but it would be best if it was separate from the Opportunity and G.O.A.L Program.

The total cost for all the changes in the presentation would add up to roughly 7.8 million.

Questions and Talking Points:

- More cost effective to decommission area at the 308 Center opposed to demolishing
- We have two tenants in the 308 Center. A discussion needs to take place on how we handle the leases with the YMCA and the Senior Citizen Center.
- Time line that encompasses all the work that has been presented
- Transition Program could be moved as early as winter break of 2016
- Early Learning, G.O.A.L and Opportunity could move all at once in the summer of 2017
- Construction start at 308 Center.
- In order for this timeline to work, tenants would have to be out by summer of 2017 which would give them one more year lease with the notification that it would be the final year.
- There are 2 phases to converting East View to Early Childhood. If need be, we could delay the second phase for an additional year.
- Moving administration will be more flexible than other programs and can be done in stages
- Any issues transitioning Kindergarten students back to their home schools? Any improvements that need to be made first?

Best practice indicates that with a kindergarten classroom, you would like to have a single use bathroom adjacent to that classroom. Currently you would not have enough rooms like that in our Elementary Schools to accommodate that. If you wanted to create enough rooms for all kindergartners, we would need about 15 more. Currently, not all kindergarten classrooms have a washroom attached to it.

- The schools as they stand right now can accommodate the additional kids without any additions
- We can't determine how many kindergarten classrooms are needed at each school until boundary line adjustments have been made.
- Kindergarten would be back at the home schools for the 2017-18 school year.
- This plan respects the idea that the BOE has the 2016-17 school year to address boundary line adjustments based on the idea that the East View kindergartners would be moved to their home schools.
- Step 1: The BOE take action on Kindergarten moving out of East View to their home schools
- Step 2: The BOE addresses boundary lines

The idea with boundary lines is to have each building at 80-85% capacity unless it is in an area that is proven to be stable, in which case it could be more like 90-95%.

At a recent Planning Commission meeting in Plainfield, they have suggested to reduce the density of proposed new homes from 421 to 321, but they are going from age targeted to single family homes. They will vote on that tomorrow night. Our district has signed off on the impact fee.

- Do we have a cost estimate for the difference between renovating or building a new 308 Center?

To build a new facility would be a total cost of about 9.5 million and demolition of the old building would need to be added to that.

- As an administrative team, this presentation is the best agreeable recommendation that we have.
- The community would be more supportive of remodeling an existing building opposed to acquiring land and building a new facility.
- There would be more space then needed in the proposed administration building

Possible uses: Community Rooms, Conference Rooms, space that could be leased out to the private sector, a central branch for the Kendall County Food Pantry, Health Clinic, United Way, Salvation Army etc. There are many possibilities and this community has a shortage of space for small events.

- We have conversations taking place with the Village about finding a place for the Senior Center. Our tenants are aware that we are having these conversations. The YMCA can do it faster and easier than the senior citizens. We will want to make sure that the seniors have time to make a transition that will work well for them, even if it takes more than the one year.
- The suggestion was made to conduct the next Facilities meeting at O3C so the committee members can take a tour of the building
- The committee would like to see more than one proposal before they make their recommendations
- They will present some more scenarios at our next meeting in March before this Advisory Committee will give their suggestions to the BOE

Option 1: *Added classrooms for Brokaw instead of moving them*

Option 2: *Selling the Old Traugher building and moving Transition, Opportunity and G.O.A.L Programs to East View. Administration stays at East View*

Option 3: *Demolition of 308 Center opposed to renovation*

Today's presentation is a cost effective option, but in order to see that, the public has to be able to compare it to other options.

- What would it cost to tear down unused portion of 308 Center opposed to keeping it up with minimal heating etc.?
- Concern was raised over kindergartners going back to Grande Park or Lakewood Creek.

Decisions on that can't be made today, the demographer has to make his projection first. There is a possibility that they will not all be in that school, but it is impossible to have that conversation until studies are done and boundary adjustments have been made. It is possible for the BOE to look at boundary lines first, make those adjustments and then move ahead with this plan in stages. The drawback to that is, that every year this is delayed, there will be more schools in the position of Grande Park and Lakewood Creek. Regardless of this plan, the district will need to face boundary line issues. We want to make sure we have space, for all the things that need space, before moving the lines. The BOE will need to determine how they want to proceed. Once the decision is made for East View students to go back to their home schools, the BOE will start having boundary line discussions regarding the process. Ideally, the new boundaries would be voted on by December of 2016. Important in order to have the second semester to help with the planning of the transition.

Our BOE will decide on the process, but it is highly doubtful that it will be the same as was used in 2011-12.

VI. Discussion: Upcoming Meeting Dates and Times

Next Meeting to take place at O3C Center on March 7 at 5:30 pm

VII. Public Comment

There were no individuals present for public comment

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned: 7:15 pm