



New Braunfels Independent School District

2017 Facilities Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 27, 2017

LOCATION: NBISD Boardroom, 430 W. Mill St.

Present:

Heather Andrus, Michael Calta, Dana Castilleja, Joe Castilleja, Leigh Ann Dees, Brandon Dietert, Jennifer Faulkner, Stephanie Ferguson, Keith Fontenot, Courtney Lyons-Garcia, Bryon Gardner, Shaun Gibson, Ashli Goodspeed, Elaine Lang, Christie Lawson, Sandy Littlejohn, George Ortiz, Jason Ragsdale, Jim Streety, Danielle Taylor and Brad Wehring.

Absent:

Sammy Cervantes, J Lee Deardorff, Kimberley Dunbar, Kristen Fain, Brian Gibson, Gina Jones, Shelly Malatek, Brandon Mills, Elizabeth Mullins, Faride Nasser, Valerie Rodriguez, Wes Stamps, Kathy Stockstill, Molly Waldrip, and Bryan Woods.

NBISD Staff and Board Members in Attendance: Vickie Pursch, Kathy Kenney, Sherry Harrison, Kara Bock, Randy Moczygamba, Rebecca Villarreal, Steve Brown and David Heefner

Member Resignations: Robin Nowotny (as of March 23, 2017) and Bill Lewis (as of March 31, 2017)

Called to order at 6:03 p.m.

The members were seated in their groups from the last meeting. Any member that was not in attendance last month was assigned to a group. They reviewed the draft of the Community Survey.

Group 1 (yellow): 1) Joe Castilleja, 2) Stephanie Ferguson, 3) Jennifer Faulkner, 4) Danielle Taylor, 5) Leigh Ann Dees and 6) Brad Wehring

Group 2 (green): 1) Brian Gibson, 2) Elaine Lang, 3) George Ortiz, 4) Michael Calta, 5) Courtney Lyons-Garcia, 6) Heather Andrus and 7) Ashli Goodspeed

Group 3 (pink): 1) Brian Woods, 2) Shelly Malatek, 3) Dana Castilleja, 4) Faride Nasser, 5) Sammy Cervantes, 6) Jason Ragsdale, 7) Bryon Gardner and 8) Christie Lawson

Group 4 (orange): 1) Jim Streety, 2) Wes Stamps, 3) Kristen Fain, 4) Kimberley Dunbar, 5) Sandy Littlejohn, 6) Keith Fontenot and 7) Shaun Gibson

Superintendent Moczygamba went over the agenda for the meeting to include formulating the survey focused on high school facilities. He said once we finish this phase we would go on to the middle school and elementary level for surveys.

The members suggested having some focus groups or meeting with high school students before the end of school. The High School administrators suggested that we try at least 3 weeks out due to testing. The NBHS administrators will work on forming a group and having the sessions.

The tours of the high schools were held on April 13 and 18. There were about 8 members that attended between the two sessions. During the tours, some of the administrators shared what ideas they each had for future facilities and changes or modifications to current facilities.

The survey will help guide the committee. The land to build new facilities will also need to be available to meet future needs.

Superintendent Moczygemba presented a Powerpoint with Google maps of the current inventory of schools to include future sites. He started with the site plan for NBMS that is the future high school. It is a 100-acre site with a master plan to add two classroom wings to the right of the current building. The future elementary site we own in Legend Pond is an 18-acre site off of FM 366. We could possibly need one more elementary on the East side of IH-35 to accommodate the projected growth of the elementary student populations. Even though NBISD owns property, the FPC members were asked to not feel like we have to build on those sites.

NBISD owns another 70-acre site across from Klein Road Elementary that extends to Walnut Avenue and backs up to the Savannah subdivision. NBISD also owns the area on the other side of Klein Road Elementary and the Transportation Barn all the way from Walnut Avenue to Klein Road.

NBISD owns an 80-acre site off of Westpointe Drive adjacent to the subdivision and Westpointe Village Apartments. There are challenges for that site.

The amount of land needed to build each type of schools is:

15 acres for an elementary school

70 acres for a middle school

100 acres of buildable land for a high school

NBHS site included 52 acres, but a portion of it is undevelopable due to part of Panther Canyon on the site. Parking is a challenge for current enrollment. When the school was at max capacity before the NBHS Ninth Grade center (NGC) was built, the challenges were even more heightened. The site has limited parking.

Support Services will also need to be addressed since the district enrollment growth will also call for us to expand all of our departments. Support Services such as Facilities, Maintenance and Food Service are currently at full capacity. Their facilities are located off of Butcher adjacent to Carl Schurz Elementary.

The Carl Schurz Elementary site will be looked in the future as well as the NGC site to possibly be replaced with a larger elementary.

Seele Elementary is on a 9-acre site. It frequently floods and that is an ongoing concern. Lamar Elementary is on a 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ acre site and has some parts of the building that are nearly 100 years old. The basement floods as well as other structural issues exist in the older sections of the building.

Other possibilities would be to convert Oak Run Middle School into an elementary. Also, NBHS could be converted into a middle school. One of the three elementary schools at Walnut Avenue and County Line Road could be sold or converted to an alternative school.

We also own the DAEP building on San Antonio Street. The building is aging and we may opt to sell in the future. The most recent purchase made by NBISD was of the old Wells Fargo building and Seele Plaza building to house the administrative offices. The buildings will be remodeled to accommodate the administrative staff at our projected full build-out of 19,000 students.

We will be placing all of the slides from the meeting on the committee website - <http://www.nbisd.org/page/pi.FPC2016>.

The FPC is going to put a facilities plan together with realistic options. The FPC is also going to develop enrollment targets of when new facilities will be needed in the future. FPC will need to get a better handle on enrollment. NBISD has a 16-percent mobility rate, and the state is also at 16-percent mobility rate. This means that this past fall we had 980 new students arrive that were not here in May. That is a about an 11-percent increase. Additionally, nearly 900 students left over the summer. Superintendent Moczygemba's fear is that one year we may get 900 new kids and none leave. That part makes it difficult to for NBISD to get enrollment projects correct. When the projected enrollment hits the set enrollment targets, NBISD will need to call a bond to address growth.

The FPC also will need to look at the older/aging facilities in the future to either improve or replace. The administration will need recommendations from the committee.

The committee broke out into groups to review the draft of the community survey and then presented their changes.

The committee chair and vice chair will review the revisions to the survey before it is released to the community. The survey will go out during the month of May to ensure responses before the summer break.

Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Rebecca Villarreal, NBISD Director of Communications