



Board of Education Study Session Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Powell 9th Grade Academy – Media Center

- Called to Order** 6:00 p.m. Called to order by Vice President, Gus Demas. 6 members present. 1 member absent with notice (Banach). Mr. Young arrived at 6:03 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance** Led by the Board
- Approved** Agenda for June 12, 2023 Study Session Meeting. Eichhorst moved. Conner supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.
- Public Comment** Mr. Cory spoke regarding the Prospect Property. He thanked the board for listening to the community and stated he looks forward to the future.
- Elizabeth Miller reiterated Mr. Cory's comments. She stated she appreciates the professionalism of the board and that they have practices in place that many other municipalities should follow. She is excited that the board has heard the community and are open to ideas regarding the property.
- Study Session** The following topics were reviewed and discussed:
- **Construction Update** – Pictures, schematic designs and details were shared on the following Group 1 and Group 2 Projects:
 1. 2021 Bond Group 1 Projects –
 - Hamilton-Parsons – They have flattened the hill on the property and are utilizing that soil throughout district. The masons are working on new classrooms. Completion is expected between fall and November. They are hoping to move into the new rooms after winter break. No additional parking has been added but they have made parking areas ready for expansion.*
 - Indian Hills – Construction is 4 or 5 months behind H-P. The new elevator area is under construction, the completion date for the new addition is expected to be at the first of the year.*
 - Croswell – The foundation for the addition is currently being laid. It is expected to be occupied by the first of the year.*
 - RMS Lockers & Door Replacements - Lockers have been installed and they have received good feedback from staff on how they look and on their functionality. The doors and hardware have been replaced with district standard equipment.*
 2. 2021 Bond Group 2 Projects-
 - Amanda Moore – A floorplan showing the 3 classroom additions (STEM, Music and Art) was shared. Sketches of the exterior were shared. They will be using matching brick for consistency. An evaluation will be done of their*

playground equipment and they are having conversations about the outdoor science area.

Washington Elementary – A floor plan showing the addition of 1 classroom was shared. The exterior bricks will match the existing bricks on the building.

Middle School Robotics Addition – For cost effective reasons, this became an addition instead of a free-standing building due to there being no utilities in the area they intended to build on. Floor plan and design details were shared. The addition will have a secure entrance, competition floor, workspace, worktables and stairs to the mezzanine. It will extend into the parking lot, so they did design work to change the grade of the former track and field to turn it into a parking lot. The detention pond will either be moved or buried in the ground. The exterior of the addition will have a metallic finish on the outside to give it a modern/robotic-building look.

RHS – An aerial image of the updated Master Plan was shared. The tennis courts have been installed and a survey was conducted. Placement of the varsity baseball field had to be changed due to sanitary sewers in the area of where the field would have been. The softball and baseball fields will now be next to each other on the south side of the property. The fields will have synthetic turf, dugouts, bullpens, batting cages, fencing & backstops, scoreboards, flagpoles, sidewalks and concrete pads for bleachers. Concession stands are being planned for and there is still room for a JV girls softball field. A site plan of the future practice field was shared. Discus and shot put will have to be relocated.

Additional Projects - Other projects that will be completed are district-wide plumbing upgrades, Hevel STEM classroom remodeling, Administration Building interior remodeling, traffic studies, and the Croswell ECC playground.

3. Change Order Update – A quarterly Change Order Spreadsheet was shared with board members. Change orders were reviewed which included soil remediation (due to contaminated soil at the bus garage) and 3 CCD's that came from the state pertaining to Croswell.

- **Budget Development Update**

1. FY23 Final Budgets

A recap was given on the amended General Fund Budget. Fund balance had an increase and is expected to be at 14.60%. Revenue changes and revenue neutral changes were listed and explained. The 98c Learning Loss Grant will be used for math intervention and EL materials. The MISD HRA Reimbursement will reimburse the district for costs related to COVID testing and mental health supports. We will be receiving a one-time payment to pay back the Retirement System. A subscription-based information Technology Arrangement (GA96SBITA) was implemented in 2023 which requires software agreements and terms to be analyzed for audit and budgeting purposes. Final expenditure changes for 22/23 were shared (CKLA curriculum adoption, 147c costs reconciled, moved general fund portion of paraprofessionals to 98c, adjustments to salaries and benefits & SBITAs debt service). ESSER II & ESSER III fund expenditures were reviewed. The General Fund equity balance is expected to be 15.13%.

2. FY24 Preliminary Budgets

Assumptions for enrollment for 23/24 and General Fund Budget expenditures & projections were reviewed. Budgeted expenditures for Leadership Priorities and additional teaching positions were shared. ESSER III funding costs were shared and will be fully expended in 2024. Revenue & expenses were summarized showing fund equity at 14.67%. A list of ESSER positions that will have to be funded after 2024 was shared. The Food service budget was explained and an excess fund balance was

noted. The Community Service fund was reviewed and ending fund balances were shared.

Ms. Eichhorst asked how the money that is collected from parents is used (example: graduation stoles). Ms. Laseke stated that the building Administrators oversee those internal accounts.

- **Department Updates**

1. Academic Services

A curriculum meeting took place and there are action items that will be brought to the meeting for board approval. The minutes were sent to the board in case of questions. A new health book is being requested for adoption. The existing one in use is over 20 years old. A Social Studies curriculum adoption will be requested which 3rd grade teachers piloted. The 4th grade team piloted TCI and will be requesting adoption. A STEM programming update was given. They surveyed the students about their experiences and asked for feedback. There were over 900 responses with many ideas on how to grow and evolve the program which will be shared with STEM teachers. A video clip was shared of students using their Sphero robots.

2. Employee Services

An update was given on negotiations for RAA, AFSCME Maintenance & Food Service groups. A staff hiring update was shared. A job fair was attended to help with recruiting. Ms. Butler read a required MERC Decision Reading aloud and stated it will be posted in all buildings.

Adjournment

8:19 p.m. Young moved. Conner supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Mike Antoine, Secretary _____