

**WEST JEFFERSON HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING
2-13-14**

Present:

Dr. Michael Panza, Superintendent
Debbie Pozycki, Chairperson
Aaron Donahue, Turner Construction
Ira Weiss, Solicitor
Keith Hartbauer, TJHS V. Principal
Kelly Magill, West Elizabeth
Gregory O'Hare, Pleasant Hills
Keith Pancoast, Pleasant Hills
Thomas Risley, Jefferson Hills

Anthony Angotti, Board Member
Carolyn Bourgeois, Board Member
Alan Caponi, Board Member Rep.
Shauna D'Alessandro, Board Member
John Hosmer, Board Member Rep.
Darlene Schreiber, Board Member

1. Dr. Panza welcomed everyone, and introductions were made. He then informed the committee of the following:
 - a. Mr. Hosmer and Mr. Caponi will be the School Board Ad-Hoc members to the Committee;
 - b. We plan to have a new Director of Facilities on board by the end of February;
 - c. Mr. Keith Hartbauer, Vice Principal at TJHS, was invited to participate on the Committee;
 - d. Aaron Donohue from Turner Construction was in attendance for Betsy Kane.
2. Dr. Panza then read/review the "Duties of the Committee," and reviewed the agenda.
 - a. The school district purchased 151 acres of land for the new high school;
 - b. It was suggested that copies of the geo-technical studies and environmental studies be given to the community members on the committee, as well as the Master Plan prepared by Ryan Pierce.
 - c. To date, we have received 13 RFQs for an Architect. We would like to narrow this down to 6 after board reviews, then 3-4 after that. We would then hold public interviews for the remaining candidates. Our goal is to have an Architect on board by May 1st.
 - d. We have received 4 RFPs for the Survey of the property to date.
3. Financing of the project: We currently have a \$23M Fund Balance. Last October, the District took out a Bond for \$9.9M. We will need to take additional bonds for the next 4 years. We must work under Act 1 and the Debt Act.
4. PlanCon: Even though the state is not reimbursing for PlanCon right now, we are still following the PlanCon process.
5. On February 20, the committee will be visiting both South Park and Bethel Park High Schools, and on February 26, the committee will be visiting both South Fayette and

Baldwin-Whitehall High Schools. The reason for these visits is to get some ideas on what we want and do not want to be in the new high school.

6. Dr. Panza indicated that we will be utilizing e-mail for the bulk of our communications, and that the committee may have to meet on short notice. Mrs. Pozycki suggested the committee have a standing meeting once a month, and the third Thursday of each month has been selected. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 20, 2014, at 5:30 PM in the Jefferson Room of the Thomas Jefferson High School.
7. Miscellaneous: In order to get the entire school district community involved in this project, it was suggested to have a "Family/Community Event Day" at Thomas Jefferson High School in which a movie will be played and food will be provided. There may possibly be other events as well.

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