

**WEST JEFFERSON HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING
11-13-14**

Present:

*Dr. Mike Panza, Superintendent
Debbie Pozycki, Chairperson
Betsy Kane, Turner Construction
Larry Payne, WTW Architects
Doug Shuck, WTW Architects
Kieran Wilmes, Grimm+Parker
Anthony Lucarelli, Grimm+Parker
Steve Parker, Grimm+Parker
Janet Burkardt, Solicitor
Ryan Snodgrass, Dir. Of Facilities*

*Tracy Harris, Dir. Of Finance
Alan Caponi, Board Member Rep.
John Hosmer, Board Member Rep.
Chris Sefcheck, TJHS Principal
Greg O'Hare, Pleasant Hills
Keith Pancoast, Pleasant Hills
Kelly Magill, West Elizabeth
Thomas Risley, Jefferson Hills
Kristine Retetagos, Turner Constr.
Mike Miller, Barber & Hoffman, Inc.*

*Jim Kosinski, Elwood S. Tower
Mike Plummer, Elwood S. Tower
Tom Gorski, Elwood S. Tower
Boyd Ernzer, FMG, Inc.
Ken Kistler, MKA
Ted Wallover, Wallover Architects
Susan Wallover, Wallover Architects
David Nash, SNA, LLC
Richard DeYoung, WTW Architects
Jeff Krill, WTW Architects*

Dr. Panza opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M. and began discussing the recently-released School Performance Profile (SPP) scores for the 2013-2014 school year. He stated that both Jefferson Elementary and Gill Hall Elementary Schools were in the top 10 in the county.

Dr. Panza then explained that we will be using Angela By Design to create the website specific to the New High School Project. The website is expected to be live on December 1, 2014. Ms. Pro will be also be responsible for managing the website through October 2017.

A video is being created displaying the current high school and will be posted to the High School Project website.

The Traffic Study has been completed but the results are not in yet. Mrs. Kane contacted Trans Associates and they indicated they still have to have a final meeting with the county.

PlanCon was discussed:

- After a moratorium of 5-6 years, PlanCon is back.
- Currently compiling the paperwork for application.
- The district may receive between \$6-7M from PlanCon.
- We will get credit for 800 sq ft per classroom and half of the auditorium.

Financing:

- Borrowed \$10M at ½% interest rate better than last year.

Mr. Shuck of WTW Architects presented a brief recap of the last six months and discussed how he has met with students, staff, and the Community Construction Committee. He said that the program is evolving and that a budget has been developed. We are now ready to begin a conceptual design, and we need to review adjacencies – where elements of school will be located within the building.

Mr. Parker from Grimm+Parker then informed the group that, after the schematics are presented by Kieran Wilmes, the audience and committee members will be broken up into three groups to review the these schematics. Each group will be presented with one of the schematics and given the task of exploring many combinations of locations of rooms, etc.

Mr. Payne from WTW Architects discussed the site analysis:

- They will videotape time lapsed for website
- Views onto site
- Views from site

- Gas wells cannot be changed
- There are streams/wetlands
- Langan Engineering will document the extent of the wetlands
- Two means on and off site
- Balance amount of cut and fill
- Move, not remove or add, dirt
- Several mines need to be grouted

Dr. Alvi was in attendance to answer any question that might arise regarding the Geo-Technical Study. He indicated that there is a coal seam of strip mine 80 feet below the surface and 8 feet deep. He also indicated that the mines will need to be stabilized – saturate drowning or grouting.

Mr. Lucarelli of G+P indicated that, based on the geology and topography of the property, they have created a “sandbox” for the building to be located. This sandbox is the only possible place to put the building in order to minimize the amount of earthwork needing done. He explained the SAAPE method: See, Approach, Arrive and Park, Enter.

Mr. Wilmes then discussed the Space Summary Charts. There is a “building kit of parts,” which encompasses the classrooms, and a “site kit of parts” which includes parking capacity, number of buses at school at one time, faculty parking, student parking, fields, etc. He then presented the three building/site schematics and other items that will need to be addressed:

- Adjacencies
- Separate cars and busses – two access points
- Align driveway with current district office driveway
- Align second driveway with Jefferson Elementary School entrance
- Parking all around building
- Outdoor spaces for lunch, learning, etc.
- Very little retaining walls needed
- 3-story academic wing
- 1 to 1-1/2 story all other areas
- Courtyard in middle of building
- Possibly enter academic wing on second floor
- Fields facing north/south?
- There are 50 acres in the “sandbox”

The groups were then formed and able to review the schematic presented to them. Mr. Parker will take his ideas/recommendations that each group had (everything was recorded) back to the office with him.

Before the meeting was adjourned, the architects ensured the public in attendance that all the information concerning the building project will be made available to the public. They also ensured that the property where the building will be located is safe.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, beginning at 4:30 P.M. in the TJHS cafeteria. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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