

**Minutes
Facility Task Force
Redmond School District 2J
Conference Rooms A-B-C
Monday, February 11, 2008**

- Doug Snyder, Redmond School District Chief Operations Officer called the meeting to order on February 11, 2008 at 6:05 p.m.

In Attendance

Lance Brant
Max Burns
Monica Dahlen
Shan Hartford
Donna Howard
Ron Munkres
Kathy Rodby
Stan Steele
Tony Vandermeer

Jon Bullock
Sam Burns
Carolyn Espinosa
Pat Higgins
Mike McIntosh
Angela Quattlebum
Todd Sheldon
Laurie Thom
John Walter

- Facilitators in Attendance:
Bob Chadwick
Tim Gleeson
Steve Olson
Doug Snyder

Vickie Fleming
Becky Kirner
Diane Seehawer

Additional Attendees:

Ed Boero, Community Member
Stephanie Curtis, Redmond School District Communications Officer
Janet May, RSD Board Member
Paul Rodby, RSD Board Member

Roundtable Collaboration; Bob Chadwick

Each committee member had an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas before putting together their recommendation for the RSD Board. Below are highlights from this group discussion.

- Be specific how we will use the Hartman Building.
- Board needs to be clear on Evergreen and Hartman issues.
- Terrebonne wants to see how the \$20 M is going to be spent on Evergreen.

- Clear and easily understandable language, be consistent.
- People want to support the district but there are still issues around Evergreen.
- People want more information.
- Continue to simplify information.
- The community wants us to give them a reason to say yes.
- Clarity on usage of any possible remaining funds after construction is completed.
- What is deferred maintenance? Repairs.
- Sports and athletics having two teams back in the IMC.
- Community might be antagonized by not having a stadium for athletics.
- Task Force Members would like to continue to work with the community to educate them on issues.
- Stadium equity ~ May matter to some and not so much to others.
- Lots of talk in the community about the community forums we have held.
- Community does not have enough information on the Evergreen piece and needs tremendous amount of attention right now.
- If we are clear about the need we will support you.
- Deferred Maintenance – The community wants to know what the district is going to spend the money on.
- Concerns about green space around schools – Need to cut back.
- Clarify the deferred maintenance piece.
- Reuse the footprints of Elton Gregory and McCall.
- Look at options for someone to build a stadium for us, i.e. Drew Bledsoe support/partnership.
- Any district knowledge of Senate Bill 54 (Go Bond) from a number of years ago? No. Are there any available funds for the district?
- Partnerships may work for being part of the bond. Would like to see this option.
- Possibly having a 6 regional facility.
- The board must be very clear, careful and the newspaper accurate on the Hartman issue.
- Communication is Key.
- New high school stadium issue must be resolved.
- Transportation? What are we doing? Purchasing additional buses or do we have enough. Community wants to know.
- Evergreen is an issue and it needs to be replaced.
- Economy has taken a dip.
- Interest of equity – New high school should have same equity as RHS.
- High sense of equity with two high schools.
- RHS needs to have repairs (deferred maintenance).
- Making Hartman and elementary school is not best for kids.
- Not having a stadium at the new high school could cause scheduling issues.
- Any remaining funds from construction should go for deferred maintenance before constructing a new stadium.
- Hartman and Vern Patrick – expandable.

- Not recommending a good idea is a committee oversight.
- Sale of Evergreen and the East side property could bring in additional funds for district use.
- Disappointed Option #2 (\$85M) did not have a lot of discussion on.
- Create deferred maintenance brochure that is sent to the community so they can see what each school will received for repairs.
- Data needs to get out to the community.
- Build new elementary school with a full size gym for high school and community use.
- Everyday there are concerns with safety issues for students and staff at Evergreen.
- Need to talk with and draw in preschool parents.
- Clarification – In the new high school plans the baseball, softball, track & fields are included. Not included is the stadium, stadium lights and restrooms.
- The option to add the stadium, lights and restrooms are included in the plans.
- How do we address growth and deferred maintenance?
- No health and safety issues have been discussed.
- Seismic risk is there but unlikely. Fire issue at Evergreen is more of an issue. There have been 3 fires at Evergreen in the past four years.
- In the best interest of our children and the community we can no longer, not address the fire issues at Evergreen.
- Seeing that people still like Option #1 (\$110 M) and may not agree on all piece. We're looking at the small stuff and do not need to react to every negative.
- Encourage us to be bold and go for it now.
- We have the professionals here to make the best decisions possible on the Hartman issue.
- Little concern about micromanaging.
- Deferred Maintenance – 75% of the 10 M could be used on just fire and ADA issues.
- At the beginning of the Facility Task Force meetings we all had different ideas. It has taken us three months and we now have three months to further educate the community.
- The must articulate a plan for Tuck Elementary School.
- Need to find away to make a stadium part of the package. There is something to be said about home team advantage – State playoffs?
- Use the data we have to market, communicate and educate the community.
- Concern about Option #1 not being a 10-year plan. Building a new high school is a 10-year solution for enrollment, which means it should not need major repairs.
- Evergreen is not going to be destroyed by seismic activity anytime soon and if you talk about tearing it down it will not fly.
- Continue the listening sessions.
- Not focus on athletics.

Listeners for the group collaboration; Paul Rodby, RSD Board Member, Ed Boero, Community Member, and Janet May, Board Member

Paul Rodby, Ed Boero, and Janet May listened to the committee members and below are some of the things they heard:

- Long term solution – 10-year.
- Hartman Building – We need to let the community know what were doing with the building and stick with it.
- Sale of Evergreen – Use funds for deferred maintenance (repairs).
- Create a facilities committee for deferred maintenance (repairs).
- Evergreen – educate the community - community support – trust factor.
- Stadium - Address the stadium, lights and restroom issues for new high school.
- Too much green space.
- Synthetic field option to pursue.
- Form non-profit group to raise funds.
- Look at partnership options.
- Transportation issues – More buses?
- Boundaries – North/South sides of Redmond
- Where ISC would be housed?
- Present bond as most supportive.
- Evergreen – Full size gym.
- How do we address growth? – Need to have a plan in place but uncertainty of where enrollment will be in 3 years or even 5 years.
- Micro managing – Let the professionals (administrators) do their work.
- Seismic – potential is there.
- Need a plan in place for Tuck. It is an important as Evergreen but the issue is that Evergreen is a two story building.
- Hartman – The administrators making the decisions made the right decision and articulate the strategy and stay with is it the best we can.
- 10-year plan is a solution for high school needs and not intended for middle school or elementary school. The community needs to know the plan if we have to go back to the community in 2-years for additional funding.
- Articulate the plan clearly.
- Get past the negatives and focus on the positives.
- 10 M not much for deferred maintenance (repairs).
- Task force stay involved with the bond process.
- Use footprints of recently built schools.

Additional Comments and Questions:

There was a brief discussion around creating additional task forces, one for community use options for Evergreen Elementary, and another for the athletic fields for both high schools. The committee liked this idea and felt it is important to keep the community engaged in what the district is doing.

Addressing the Senate Bill 54 question of whether there are funds available for district use? Steve Olson from Dull Olson Weekes, Architects stated that at one time, many years ago there were funds available for FEMA and seismic studies. It was known as the windshield study but the state has not put any money into funding construction of schools.

The committee had the following two questions for Steve Olson:

What would the cost be to build a stadium at the new high school site? We are looking at 1 M to 5 M without any expectations.

How was the cost of building a new elementary school determined? The cost is based on the experience of the architect firm of Dull Olson Weekes, Architects and of the current cost of elementary schools being built in the Willamette Valley. Today's cost for building a new elementary school is \$20 M, including inflation. It was also noted that the cost of construction is less in Central Oregon than in the Willamette Valley and the Bend-La Pine School District just bid out a new elementary school and it came in at \$20 M. We are right in line with our cost figures.

The high school polling with the cost of \$80 M was at the low end of the scale for cost. Dull Olson Weekes, Architects cost came in at \$80 to 90 M. Steve cautioned the committee and board as to what they say and present.

Redmond School District Superintendent, Vickie Fleming made some final comments to the committee. She thanked them for doing an awesome job and continually returning and finishing the process. Highlighted are a few of the points she touched base on:

- Global Perspective.
- Public Service – Integrity and credibility.
- Keep Listening.
- People have the confidence in us to continue to make the right decisions.

Building Consensus; Bob Chadwick, Facilitator

As working towards and building a consensus the following statements were made and the committee members were asked for any opposition:

1. New High School:

Building a 1400 seat high school on the Elkhorn site that provides a long term solution for high school.

None Opposed

2. New Elementary School:

The purpose is to build a new elementary school that can be used by the community, including a full sized gym.

This will allow movement of Evergreen students to safe learning environments in other District schools.

None Opposed.

3. Hartman Building:

The Superintendent will determine the use of the Hugh Hartman building, as K-8 or a middle school, based on enrollment.

None Opposed

4. Repairs (Deferred Maintenance):

The school district will invest \$10 million into the current schools to make needed repairs. Building repairs will be specifically identified.

None Opposed

5. Evergreen Elementary Fate:

The School Board will state their intentions for Evergreen Elementary School and we will work to find other community uses for the building.

A community task force will be established to explore optional community uses.

None Opposed

6. New High School Stadium:

The use of alternate funding to construct a stadium at the new high school site will be explored; this also includes the establishment of a task force to explore alternative funding sources for both high school athletic facilities.

None Opposed

Selection of Board Meeting Presenters:

The committee unanimously selected Lance Brant, Max Burns, and Tony Vandermeer to present the Facility Task Force recommendation to the Redmond School District Board of Directors on Wednesday, February 13, 2008.

Adjournment

The committee was commended on doing an outstanding job, their job has been completed and was dismissed. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Doug Snyder, Chief Operations Officer

Linda Holland, Administrative Assistant Operations