

Little Rock School District

Community Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 10, 2016

In attendance: Clark, Fox, Hampton, Holloman, Pettis, Wood

Absent: Chavarria-Garcia

- I. Celebrations and Welcome
 - a. Superintendent Poore
 - i. Senior Scholars Celebration – Monday, November 7, 2016, Cajuns Wharf
 - ii. Superintendent’s Visit to Dodd Elementary
 - iii. PTA Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 8, 2016
- II. Review and Approval of Annual Report – Pamela Smith, Director of Communication
 - a. Previously submitted to CAB Monday, November 7th for review in draft form
 - b. Will be mailed to constituents before Thanksgiving
 - c. The motion was made by Mrs. Fox to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hampton. The report was approved unanimously.
- III. School Utilization Update
 - a. Capacity Study (Mr. Poore)
 - i. Zone 1 Facility Meeting was held yesterday (Wednesday, November 11, 2016)
 - ii. Discussed the Capacity Study
 1. A capacity study done four years ago by outside consultant.
 2. Capacity Studies should be done each year because needs of schools change from year to year.
 3. LRSD hired a consultant to do a new study and to train five LRSD employees to do capacity studies each year.
 4. Capacity Studies identifies alternate sites for schools after a crisis incident.
 5. Facility Planning Document includes census data. Shows population shifts in each zone. Includes current administration’s recommendations.
 - a. Goal is to maintain community partnerships despite recommendation to close certain schools.
 6. Evolving document
 7. Will post Community Meeting feedback on LRSD website
 8. All Community Forum dates are listed on the LRSD website
 9. Community feedback from Zone Meetings will be submitted to Facility Advisory Board after all zone meetings have been held
 - b. Discussion about specialized schools

- i. K-8
 - ii. Arts and Science, STEAM
 - iii. International Studies
 - iv. Project-based learning
 - v. Aerospace
 - c. Bond Referendum
 - i. Go to the voters to extend our debt - not create new taxes.
 - ii. Generates a revenue to create capital to improve facilities
 - iii. \$160M; extends debt 14 years
- IV. Budget Reductions (referred to color coded budget reduction summary)
 - a. Highly Likely
 - i. Transportation
 - ii. Central Administration
 - iii. Legal expenditures
 - b. Likely
 - i. School Closings
 - ii. School Staffing at Standards
 - iii. Stipends/Extra Duty pay
 - c. Less Likely
 - i. Employee Insurance Pay
 - ii. Outsourcing Child Nutrition/Custodians
 - iii. National Board Certification Stipend
 - d. Facility Utilization recommendation to be presented to Commissioner in January
 - e. Budget reduction recommendations to be presented in March or April
 - f. No target date for asking voters for bond extension (must have presentation packaged two months in advance)
- V. Budget Summary (Kelsey Bailey)
 - a. Ending October 2016
 - b. Will be presented to the State Board in November
- VI. Distressed Schools
 - a. Principals presented to State Board today
 - b. Areas that need work
 - i. ?
 - ii. Leadership turnover discussed
 - iii. Trust students/positive events (pep assemblies)
 - iv. Community partnerships (Hall High Alumni)
 - c. Mrs. Holloman suggested having student forums to investigate ways to improve discipline and attendance
 - d. "District Pattern of Achievement" factors - mobility rate; feeder patterns
 - i. Ways to address: Ongoing PD Support; smart goals; district discipline plan; inclusion of staff in decision making