



# Facilities Task Force

August 30, 2018  
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
CEC – Assembly Room

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## Meeting Minutes

### Attendance:

**Committee Members Present:** Dr. John Stanford (ex-officio member), Pari Sabety, Jim Negron, Lela Boykin, Lois Carson, John Coneglio, Debby Descheneau, Stephen Hardwick, David Horn, Kristi Jared, April Knight, Jibril Mohamed, Jerry Saunders, Sr., Anne Stewart, Anahi Vinazza-Moore

**Committee Members Absent:** Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens, Sr., Christopher Barton, Reverend Dorian Grant, Bhuwan Pyakurel, Nana Watson

**Others:** Dr. Colleen Boyle, Joe Brown, Alesia Gillison, Maria Stockard, Alex Trevino, Scott Varner, Chris Ward

Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Pari Sabety and Jim Negron expressed their gratitude for the work done by the committee and the staff. Ms. Sabety thanked the committee for submitting questions to the internal committee. She then provided an overview as to the flow of the meeting.

The minutes from August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed by the committee. Lela Boykin motioned to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jibril Mohamed. The motion carried.

Scott Varner reviewed the roles of the Facilities Task Force Committee and the roles of the Internal Work Groups as well as the timeline.

Alesia Gillison, Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Colleen Boyle, Director of the Division of Gifted Services and Chris Ward, Director of the Office of Safety and Security provided an overview of the questions that were provided by the committee from the last meeting.

The questions were broken down into four categories:

1. Academics
2. Specialized Services
3. Safety & Security
4. Transitioning and Planning

They shared that alignment of students and staff are the first priority. The recommendations will allow the District to offer additional and specialized courses and will allow a larger pool of students to participate in activities. The safety and security of staff and students is always a top priority and the staff operate proactively. They work diligently to communicate to staff, students and the community, stating that they operate not just during school hours but 24 hours. Prior to the transitioning and planning of any moves/closures, steering committees including students, staff and community members will be formed.

Dr. Stanford stated that the Board of Education will vote on the recommendations in November and the transition process will begin in January.

Prior to the voting process, the floor was open to questions and responses from District staff.

Mr. Varner reviewed the recommendations that were to be voted on.

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## **School Sites**

### **Scenario 2 – Adjust boundaries for Highland ES, West Broad ES, Westgate ES**

Debby Descheneau motioned to support the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Lela Boykin. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

### **Scenario 3 – Adjust boundaries for North Linden ES and Maize ES**

Anahi Vinazza-Moore motioned to support the recommendation. The motion was seconded by April Knight. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

### **Scenario 4 – Move Columbus North International into former Brookhaven HS and co-locate with Columbus Global Academy and move Dominion MS to North High School site. (Two year implementation)**

Stephen Hardwick motioned to support the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Jibril Mohamed. Anne Stewart abstained. The motion carried.

There was a motion to correct the recommendation to include Hubbard in the recommendation. Mr. Hardwick accepted the amendment/modification to his motion. Anne Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Scenario 4 – Move Dominion MS to North HS site and expand Dominion programming for 6-8 grades by moving grade 6 from Columbus Spanish Immersion, Ecole Kenwood French Immersion.**

Stephen Hardwick motioned to support the recommendation. Anahi Vinazza-Moore seconded the motion. Anne Stewart opposed. The motion carried.

Stephen Hardwick withdrew his motion. He then motioned to move Columbus North International to Brookhaven and move CAHS into the North High School site.

Dr. Stanford stated that the community forums would allow binary options for the committee to consider therefore; relocating CAHS into North High School site could not be voted upon.

Jibril Mohamed motioned to remove CAHS from the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Jerry Saunders. The vote was called. Stephen Harwick opposed. The motion carried.

### **Scenario 5 – Convert Marion Franklin HS to Marion Franklin MS and move grades 9-12 from Marion Franklin to South HS, and close Buckeye MS, and convert South 7-12 to only grades 9-12. Move grade 6 from elementary feeder schools to Marion Franklin MS and close Seibert ES.**

Jerry Saunders motioned to support the recommendation. The motion was seconded by David Horn. The vote was called. Lois Carson, John Coneglio, Kristi Jared and Anne Stewart opposed. The motion carried.

### **Scenario 1 – Close Siebert ES and assign students in Siebert neighborhood to Stewart ES**

Lois Carson motioned to remove the Scenario I recommendation because it was included in the Scenario 5 recommendation. The motion was seconded by Jerry Saunders. Steve Hardwick and Anahi Vinazza-Moore opposed. The motion carried.

### **Scenario 6 – Convert Linden-McKinley into a middle school, create new East HS feeder pattern, adjust enrollment in K-6 elementary schools, merge Medina MS and Mifflin MS, close Mifflin MS. Linden-McKinley 9-12 would combine with East HS. (Two year implementation)**

Jibril Mohamed motioned to support the recommendation. Anahi Vinazza-Moore seconded the motion. The vote was called. Lois Carson, John Coneglio and Anne Stewart opposed. The motion carried.

## **Administrative Sites**

Joe Brown provided an overview as to the questions that were submitted by the committee members at the last meeting. The general themes were Operation: FixIt, the Facilities Master Plan and Bond Issue. Mr. Brown informed the committee that the funds used for Operation: FixIt were for academic facilities and not for administrative sites. He also informed the committee that the District planned to hire a consultant to review and recommend the uses of the administrative sites.

Prior to the voting process the floor was open to questions and responses from District staff.

### **Scenario 1 – Close: Morse Rd Bus Compound, Beery, and Adult Education; Scenario 2 – Relocate: Linmoor Education Center, Seventeenth, and Hudson Distribution Center**

David Horn motioned to support the recommendation. Lela Boykin seconded the motion. Prior to the vote questions were asked as to why the buildings were grouped together. The motioned carried.

After additional discussion Anahi Vinazza-Moore motioned to reconsider the motion to vote on the recommendations as they were presented, but to vote on the buildings individually. Anne Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried. David Horn withdrew his motion.

Debby Descheneau motioned that the Morse Road Bus Compound be recommended for closure. Jerry Saunders seconded the motion. Lois Carson opposed. The motion carried.

Stephen Hardwick motioned that Beery be recommended for closure. Anahi Vinazza-Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jibril Mohamed motioned that the Adult Education site be recommended for closure. Lela Boykin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Anahi Vinazza-Moore motioned that the Linmoor Education Center be recommended for relocation. Stephen Hardwick seconded the motion. Jibril Mohamed and Anahi Vinazza-Moore opposed. Lois Carson abstained. The motion carried.

David Horn motioned that Seventeenth Avenue be recommended for relocation. Debby Descheneau seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Stephen Hardwick motioned that Hudson Distribution Center be recommended for relocation. April Knight seconded the motion. Kristi Jared abstained. The motion carried.

### **Scenario 3 – Develop Study on feasibility, cost, and potential relocation: Downtown (CEC/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>), Food Production Center, Fort Hayes Transportation Compound and Kingswood Data Center**

David Horn motioned to support the recommendation. Anne Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Internal Work Group created a document to present to the Board of Education on behalf of the Task Force of words of wisdom and final points to consider prior to their vote on the recommendations.

Ms. Sabety ended the meeting by thanking those involved in bringing the information thoughtfully together. Dr. Stanford acknowledged the hard work of the internal team. The committee reviewed the document and suggested the following additions:

- Consider digitizing school/site history
- Include students in the process of selecting a mascot
- Engage community in preserving memorabilia

Scott Varner presented the Community Outreach and Engagement Plan. He also informed the committee that Alesia Gillison and team will visit the impacted schools and meet with students and staff.

Ms. Sabety informed the committee if they knew of large groups that would like the team to attend a meeting to discuss the recommendations to provide that information to Maria Stockard by Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting date will be held during the first or second week of October.

Mr. Negrón informed the committee that he, Ms. Sabety and administrators will be presenting the recommendations to the Board of Education on September 4<sup>th</sup> and encouraged committee members to attend.

Jerry Saunders motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Anne Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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