

Board Retreat

Mission: "Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The Board Retreat started at 5:30 PM on Monday, January 27, 2020. The meeting was held at Administration Building
2508 27th Street
Columbus, NE 68601

Candace Becher: Present

Mike Goos: Absent

Michael Jeffryes: Present

Doug Molczyk: Present

Theresa Seipel: Present

Douglas Willoughby: Present

I. Board Meeting

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call of Board

Mike Goos was excused by the board.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Notice of Open Meeting Posted

1. President insures all can hear proceedings

President Becher

E. Opportunity for Public to be Heard

President Becher read the opportunity to be heard.

F. Board Special Functions

1. Kramer Education Center

The board placed Doug Willoughby on the core team for Mike Goos due to his pending resignation.

Executive Director of Student Services, Jason Harris updated the board regarding:

1. Sub-Committee representatives (Fee for Daycare-Sliding Fee)
2. Round-table ideas shared with the board
3. Public invited on Thursday night for "No Small Matter"
4. Board discussed the fact sheet from
5. Space & Staffing needs

Questions by the board:

1. Are there going to be any Fees
2. Lunch program - FR vs. Full Pay

Dave Melick, Executive Director of Finance/HR gave an update on the architect selection process:

1. January 6th meeting - RFP, timeline, requirements
2. January 30th deadline for questions. Responses will be communicated with all architects. Only 5 to 6 questions have been asked.
3. Architects all went on a walking tour of the building.
4. Electrical Inspection - has been done since January 6th and forwarded to architects. (Subpanels passed)

Leonard, Executive Director of Maintenance/Technology gave updates on the building that include:

1. Electrical Update
2. Spider Boxes used
3. Building is 50-52 degrees on most days
4. Operating costs since started demo - \$1,000 per month in utility costs.
5. Compared to:
 1. Approximately 24,000 sq. ft for Early Childhood Center
6. Maintenance guys are doing demo when it is not snowing.
7. Copper wires and lights are all out.

Mike Jeffries - asked question about cost of project and could some of that money be used on other projects..

1. 3 Million addition on to North Park came up in discussion
2. Concern about overcrowding in our schools
3. Future enrollment numbers
4. North Park Expansion
5. More shared space

2. Communication Impediment for First Responders

Board President, Ms. Becher introduced the item of communication with life and safety personnel

6. Problem exists and we seem to be hung up on who pays for it.

7. If we would have something happen and people found out we were talking about who pays for it would we be sued?
8. Figure out what we need to do for 1st responders so they can communicate in our building.
9. Staff has the ability to communicate.
10. 1st Responders include - police, sheriff, HAZMAT, Fire Department
11. We bought what we did and police have their system.
12. What do we do about it?

Can all 1st responders talk to one another?

3. Devices for each entity (School-UHF, Police & Fire-VHF).
4. School purchased SL350 Turbo's instead of APX radios - Multi-band portable in our cars.
5. Motorola built two different systems.

2 solutions

Option 1

HS & MS - \$250,000 combined rough estimate

Firm number will do testing in the building is \$2,000 minimum per building

8 buildings - \$16,000 startup cost.

Centennial is an issue for elementary schools

Other schools not as much of an issue

Option 2

School District buy the same radios we have at \$800 each and give to each officer and have full communication.

Counsel at 911 Center, will allow them to use in our building and have full access.

Board Questions:

5. School Safety a big concern around the US are there grants out there.
6. Not many, it is a local issue.
7. We don't have a complete cost until testing is done?
8. One-time cost - Doesn't matter who pays for them.
9. Are we only going to protect 2 of our buildings or all of them.
10. Board members concerned about once we know we have to act.

Recommendation -

8. To Quantify what we need through the study for radio system.
9. Complete the study at \$2,000 per building.
10. Can we phase it in?
11. Prioritize what the study says.

3.

G. Other Items

1. New Board Member

The board will accept Mr. Goos' resignation at the February board meeting. The board has

decided to wait until the February board meeting to decide whether to advertise and interview vs. appoint a new board member. It depends on how many apply for the election. If multiple applications, it is recommended that we interview those candidates or ask a former board member to fill out the term. Mr. Goos is up for election this year.

2. Sustainability

Worry about sustainability of funds with staffing, moving across the salary schedule.

13. 52 teachers are on average move across on the salary schedule each year.

14. Discussed the needs side of the formula in TEEOSA and Equalization Aid

15. Discussed budgeting practices in the past 12 years in Columbus and what a great job business directors have done.

16. What is the current reimbursement for SPED? It is 48-50%

Sustainability - How can we do more with what we have and afford it for years out

6. Add price per hour in para wages

7. what are areas we may cut to fulfill goals

8. Discussion on number of students at the HS and not enough sections.

9. Review of enrollment shows numbers will be steady over the next 5-6 years and decrease slightly.

10. Workplace experiences for students would be great to create more capacity at the HS

3. Discussion about Cassette House needs for a new facility.

Area of concern, no action to take.

4. Update on HR/Finance Interviews

Dr. Loeffelholz updated the board on the six candidates we are interviewing. There are 3 internal candidates and 3 external candidates.

5. Housing

Dr. Loeffelholz shared with the board the Housing Committee's map of approved permits to build apartments, duplexes and houses in the community. This type of map will be instrumental in planning for future building needs.

H. Superintendent's Report

None at this time.

1. Other Items of Concern

There were no other items of concern.

I. Board Sharing

There was no board sharing.

II. Adjourn

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Secretary for the School District No. 1 of Columbus, Nebraska, certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of Monday, January 27, 2020.

President

Secretary

BOARD MEMBERSHIP - ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS (Class III)

The annual school election takes place on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Terms shall be staggered so that three board members are elected at each general election. Members of the board will be elected at large.

Incumbents must file for election at the Office of the County Clerk, Platte County, by February 15 prior to the date of the primary election. All other candidates must file for election by March 1 prior to the date of the primary election.

If a vacancy occurs on the board it may be temporarily filled by appointment within 45 days of the vacancy by the remaining members of the board. The remainder of the unexpired term shall be filled by the normal board member election process in the next general election. If the board does not fill the vacancy by appointment, the vacancy may be filled by election at a special election or school district meeting called for that purpose. If a majority of the offices of the school board members are vacant, the Secretary of State will call a special school district election to fill the vacancies.

Legal Reference: Neb. Statute 32-501 et seq.

Cross Reference: 201.05 Term of Office

Policy
Adopted: 12-08-03

COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Columbus, Nebraska

Housing Development Map for Columbus, NE - 2020



In 2020, approximately 367 housing units and 223 building lots expected. This map is a working document and subject to change.