

District Facilities Committee  
October 7, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.  
District Office

Committee Members Present: George Frasier, Eric Gerber, Patty Robb, Joni Wixom, John Cavill, Kirt Glenn, George Pugh, Kevin McDonald

Employees: Brian Gardner, and Susan Beaudin

Others: Scott Mutchie and Bob Collins (Hill International), Charley Wolff

Superintendent Gardner reminded the Committee of the three questions he asked of the Board last winter regarding the District's facilities. 1) Can the District maintain our facilities with current funding; 2) Can the District go out for possible fundraising to repair the facilities; and 3) Should the District build new facilities. Mr. Gardner stated last June the Committee was leaning towards building a new facility but needed more information. It realized it needed an assessment by a third party of the district's facilities. The school board agreed to hire the assistance of Hill International a company that specializes in long-range facilities planning. Hill International would report to the Committee who in turn would make a recommendation to the school board. After the Committee's recommendation to the Board, Mr. Gardner sees the Committee increasing in size, who would reach out to the Central Linn Community and hold informational meetings as to the recommendation made and the reasons why.

Bob Collins and Scott Mutchie from Hill International spoke to the Committee informing them of the services they are able to provide the district. They will assist the district in fact finding and help answer questions regarding the deferred maintenance, future enrollment, possible change in facilities, and new construction vs. remodel. Hill International will develop an organized assessment of the facilities and help determine the community values; prioritize pros and cons; student enrollment projections and housing. They will help determine the instructional philosophy of the district to help better understand what the facilities changes should be to meet the instructional and technological needs of the future. Hill International will substantiate the data the Committee has already collected and consult with staff.

Committee members stated they wanted to see an assessment document first then move towards the community. It wants to verify, substantiate and quantify the District needs, especially at the elementary school. They would like the assessment to especially cover the electrical needs at the elementary; ADA requirements; and water in south wall of the elementary. The Committee also requested Hill include student safety and building security in their assessment.

The Committee asked in an electrical upgrade will Hill be factoring the unknown depending on the renovations to a particular part of a building. Hill will put together an industry standard plan which begins with meeting with the county building department and planning commission. They understand if the plan requires an upgrade there would be a domino effect and those cost estimates would be included. Hill will be conducting some destructive testing (on non-school days) to help develop the assessment.

Mr. Collins presented a short video clip "Shift Happens" that speaks to our country's educational standing within in the world. Superintendent Gardner commented on the need for our country to change the way education is delivered and having flexibility in our facilities is a part of that.

The next meeting of the Facilities Committee will be Monday, November 4, 6:30 at the District Office. Hill Foundation will bring an interim report to that meeting with a final assessment in two months. If

there is not enough information ready for the November meeting it will be rescheduled. The Committee added they would like to see an estimate of a remodel versus build new with the assessment report.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted

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