

# Notes of July 24, 2023 DPS61 BOE Meeting

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## Public participation

- mark laws. Emailed letter . Lause? Dr. Glause? Partner. School system less than ideal after living in nebraska and michigan. 2017 city surveyed millenials &#1 they wanted better schools. Difficult to find pre schools. Income levels "less than ideal" in decatur. How can we get kids into preschools? What can district do to make kids want to come here & not mtz or forayth or private school.

Dr kaitlyn glause. Dennis students & trachers should be exempt from standardized testing for 2023. Bc starting late. Can't fairly make that comparison. Exemption will also provide additional instructional days. Dennis parent. District needs to give more frequent and substantive updates to families & public. Dps not updated since jul 13th meeting. Delay of start of school is slide 8 out of 12. Dennis fam/parents who don't understand scope. No info been sent to neighborhood about upcoming year or how to navigate kindergarten registration. Need clarification on where to go. Need both mail & digital updates. Updates on timeline of academic year, especially busing and childcare. Need immediate updates on kindergarten registration and school supplies funding?

Amie dobernick. Professional in community, former dps parent, mother of dps teacher. Etc etc. Past 10 years unbecoming behaviors among board and central admin. Keil building / not my job to help oack boxes. I am nurse & in mgmt. Would never ask staff to do a job i wouldnt do myself. Central admin & chool board should be qilling to roll up sleeves or quit? Staff had short notice, may be on second job or vacation. 5 days notice, 3 days to pack up. Some were not able to. Said they could pack & lavel and district would move it. Concern about school supplies after osha complaint. Osha complaint day late, dollar short. You are making it very difficult to recruit healthcare workers to this area.

Nick krim. Monarch butterfly connection. Part of history students can be proud of. Dennis opportunity for metamorphosis. Develop a new "body and wings" now that students have a crysilis. Demolish or find a new building but dont dump money into repairing old buildings. Let 6th graders finish dennis at garfield?? Bring second assistqnt principal back to dennis.

Bill says qe appreciate your comments and support for dennis.

## update on dennis lab and gla move & stephen d

Dr. Clark. Powerpoint on website.

Working with ISBE and ROE. Start date TBD. Should have answer in next week. Depends on them. Then make plan. Items in building. We have to follow guidelines. Noone entering or exiting. She received their response to her response. Extended days for dennus. Will still be extended day care. Special ed still at stephen d. Bell times updated. See slides, ask school adminm

Stephen d/garfield admins figure out schedules, etc. Not central admin.

One modular unit there now. Another in next 7-10 days hopefully. Broke ground for playground. Building admin determines classroom assignments.

Expanding parking lot from 50 to cover 75 that are needed. Due sept 3.

Effects on students (proscons, see slides)

Other district projects on hold: see slides. Just a few things. Not complete listing.

Increasing community engagement and feedback is part of long term plan. Master facility analysis needed. Should form a committee after analysis & committee qill make recommendation to the board. Next scheduled meeting be thinking about this.

Brown, do we have a plan for supplies? (lpads etc)

Clark already met with DLT and meeting on 27th to make sure needs are met.

Board discussion. Al scheider. Asks about supplies moving. Clark answers not all safe rooms were moved. They did priorities first (hume folders? Cume folders?). Brown. Asks about august public comment. Says that person was not taken seriously. Feels like that wasnt followed up on. Why wasnt it followed up on? Clark says she doesnt remember any parent saying that. She

says the minute she heard of it she started acting.

Master analysis. Have other schools been checked yet? Clark says we're in the process and will ask permission at next board meeting to move forwards. Qill it be same firm? Clark doesn't know. Dr Curry. Procurement for professional services. Interview at least 3 then select 1.

Will asks if this will cover the 10 year hls too. Curry says hls on agenda for the 8th & that will be with bidd. structural from outside company.

Brown. If teachers can't get belongings do we have a plan for that? Reimbursement? Clark believes they will allow district back into building at some point and hopes it will see they have a safe plan in place and allow it.

Wetzel. how long to clear osha complaint? Clark. Legal is working on that.

## on K-8 Magnet School contractor

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Collins asks about bids or firm? Curry says will be awarding contract to a firm. Brown asks if we can inquire about the firm. BIDD Steve. New K8 magnet school. 5 week process about subcontractors and bids. 25 mil - 35 mil. Estimate was 28 mil. CU firm. They did international prep academy in Champaign.

Brown asks about mbe goal. Bidd Steve says ... Fred Coleman mentioned. Minority business enterprises. 15% minority? Christie Foltz was a Decatur company. Not sure if met mbe. Goal, not requirement. Brown asks if we're required to go with lowest bid? Bidd says yes. Brown disappointed not a local firm.

Clevenger. Give us grand total where we are. Procured some package and some materials with long lead times. Full budget w/ 5% contingency, 33.5 million total project budget. Original estimate was 37 million.

Wetzel. When completed? Steve by end of 2025. Must be allotted by that time bc using ester?? Money.

AI thought it was 24. Steve said January of 2025.

Brown votes no. 3 absent. Clevenger, Scheider, Wetzel voted yes.