

June 27th Board of Education Notes

Audio recordings:

- Brief Will Wetzel, Mark Reynolds, & Alana Banks JUST before the meeting
- Recorded from my chair during meeting (Nothing important, deleted this recording)
- Then Approached Dr. Clark after the meeting
- Alana Banks interview after Dr. Clark declined interview
- Jason Dion after Alana interview.
- Took a personal memo of off-the-record information. This will not be released.

Notes from the meeting

I took these notes DURING the meeting. They have not been vetted. Spelling is bad. They're personal notes. Many minor details were left out. Some details were missed on accident.

Comments for record

- these folks submitted in writing: molly ballinger, jake tolbert, rene hinkle, emily richard
- nick crim to podium. Parent of 6th grader. 2017 kindergarten. Thrived. Mentoring good. Classrooms had regular visits from older classes. Middle school track team. Special ed class. Loved the kids in there & took his mentor status seriously. Whole dennis family need be together. Additional mobile classrooms for garfield campus. Dennis students must remain dennis students, whether at stephen d or gla. Dennis buildings should be final straw. Concern about timeline. 34 days prior big pbl event at french. Build a modern school. Tear down one & build a new building. Success is to do with staff, not building.
- gavin crim. Dennis student, going into 6th. Plays 2 instruments. Track. Good at math & reading. In h&r & has spoken to board before. "We are dennis" and want to be taught by dennis staff
- dennis b? Sub teacher in dps?? Wants to support them. Prayer for your wisdom and support. Kids graduated from dps & did very well. Pray for challenges & unity & discussion process & for listening. Support superintendent we've been blessed with.
- amber karr? Dps 61 alumn. Mother. Volunteer. 5th grader at dennis & kid at macarthur. Not happy about dennis. Concern about "day after school". Hopes for a new building for all of k-8 kids & staff. Disappointed with the leaders. 5th grader has autism since kindergarten. First real year this past year with band concerts, etc. Uncertainty about whats next. Harder for children like him. Q about accommodations. Explain more about modular classrooms. How will you support him when he needs a break. Not ideal for special needs children. Scared & anxious. Idk how to prepare him for this year.
- colleen bridengroomer?? Vitengroober? TrChes math at dennis. Thanks dr clark for expediency & honesty. Ty to 4 board members who came to wednesdays meeting & asking questions & exploring options. Extra modular classrooms. Looking forward to update on that plan. 2 buildings in 2020. Lets keep em together. Bussing & transportation ez to one location. Discusses benefits of keeping students together.
- phil winecke. Dennis teacher. Thanks for presenting plans, even if there isn't community input. Supports 16 modular classrooms. Encourages keeping middle school together (6th-8th) if cant get enough modulares. Keep dennis students dennis students. Do not abstain from these decisions.
- carhleen cisco. Parent of 4th grader & incoming kindergartener. Frustrated about criticism of lack of parwnts. 3 of 7 board members also absent. Supports modular classrooms. Keep em together.
- that's all comments.

Dion reminds folks contact info is on the website. Gives his phone #. Encourages folks to reach out.

Wetzel. Email > facebook msgs. Clevenger agrees.

Curry. 1000+ requires board approval. Would like to up it to 5k. Would allow staff to approve lower amounts.

Modules.

Clark. Can get another a 6 and a 4 (what?) Modular classrooms. Modular classroom is mobile. They're brand new. (2 of 3 models are new). Can be set up anywhere. Requires underground infrastructure. Its just a classroom. 3rd district he's done modulares in.

Clevenger. What work required to set modulares, timeline basically. Curry yields to kent.

. Kent. 2 moe units, one with 6 classrooms, one with 4. They're putting in infrastructure. Inadequate power currently. Made arrangements with ameren. Long lead times on electrical and other items. Dont have adeqyate water supply. Working with local contractor for 2 taps on existing water main. Met with him today & btoken ground for exploratory work. If modulares not come through just have to abandon pipe. Should have 3 used units, for 6 additional classrooms, if 10 new classrooms not available. Vendor asked for phone call tonight with decision.

Curry. was ill today & vendor is ready to move on it.have pricing sheets available.

Dion didnt want to approve tn and then they not be availavle.

Schneider. Asked to move roll call item to first. Clevenger is going to do that.

Clevenger wants everyone to know the expense.

Curry. 3 options. 1 yr to 3 yr lease. Cost is higher for shorter term. Rent is 1.2 mil for 1 year term. 2 years is 1.6. 3 ye is 1.8 million. Curry recommends at least 2 yr lease.

Metzger. 3 contractors looking at the 2 buildings. Yesterday met with general contractor for assessment of dennis stairs. Putting together range of costs in writing & viability & reasonable timeframe.

Curry. Installatiin cost as well + in house work. Mostly from community facilities sales tax from county. Enough short term funds for a year or more.

Dion. Better thing is to move forward with the modulars. Will vote yes.

Clevenger. Appreciate your efforts. Guesses 6 weeks out from fall semester.

Reynolds. Question for curry on investment report. Asks about bank of china. Pma holds most our money & we reach out to claim for payroll & bills. Pma makes deposits and investments. Asks about liabilities. Low risk investments.

Consent items approved.

roll call action items

Move q to top of list (modulars).

Clark recommends approval.
Reynolds. Q about lease length

Curry. Initial payment not til september. Don't have to lock into terms now. Both 2 units are available. 2 mil would cover 1 year & may cover more. Installation costs too, both for vendor & for internal costa.

Wetzel asks if 16 will cover all of k-8 & clark says yes. 31 total classrooms + office & nurse. Restrooms with modules as well. There's space to bring something in next year if need to. Timing is poor. 3 classrooms per grade level. Reynolds asks about funding. Blah blah.

Wetzel. Mobile classrooms common in growth communities. How do kids move btween classes? Coats & go between. Typically older kiddos go outside, but setup is up to principal.

Unanimous yes. Kevin collins brown not present.

Clevenger. Talks about making best of bad situation & unity, basically. Says staff has worked hard. Hopes to have more discussion in community over the next year, while further planning should take place.

Dr Gray hired.

Sedgwick is 3rd party provider of workmans comp claims & has local attorney