

Notes of Aug 8, 2023 DPS61 BOE Meeting

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This meeting was at the Keil building. Some notes may be edited or added after the meeting.

Questions to ask about

(these notes were prior to the meeting)

Aug 8 2022 finance meeting minutes.

Present: al scheider, jason dion, dr. Clark, dr. Curry.

Absent: alana banks, kevin collins-brown

Regarding woodrow wilson: "Demolition of current Dennis has to be part of the conversation"

The meeting

All board members present (Bill Clevenger, Jason Dion, Dr. Kevin Collins-Brown, Al Scheider, Alana Banks, Mark Reynolds, Will Wetzel). Started about 638.

Maria Robertson. Athletics, dps middle school volleyball did 4v4 sand vball tourney. Hawley director of apex volleyball club. Over 30 dps athletes age 10-16. 13&under team. Got 2nd in tourney. Won \$140, proceeds toward their schools.

Public participation

Keith Creighton. Asst principal dennis lab. 2 invredible employees. Dennis secretaries. Point of contact for building admin, b&g, community, etc. Organized all of the things. Speaks well of both of them. Stephanie & Amy.

David Bandon? Bannon?

Son graduated macarthur, daughter becoming sophomore. Wants to know what will happen to dennis facilities.

board discussion

Collins brown. Teacher vacancies? 86 certified regular eduction vacancies, a little over 18%. Kevin mou to raise sub pay for long term subbing? She. Don't need mou. Admin thing. Kevin will email.

Wetzel. Using cell phone for agenda.

Clevenger. Clarification from attorney. Explanation on bidding statute.

Section 10... governs certain contrscts. Duty to bid over 25k or 50k if construction. Competitive bid required. Lowest responsible bidder. Not much latitude. No preference from certain location. If not in compliance with bid specs or bidder truly not responsible. Gave example.

Reynolds. Where do we stand with inspections? Costs? Where do we stand?

Clark. That comes up in discussion later, on dennis update.

Dion. Air quality study? Asbestos / mold.

Metzger. Osha complaint was asbestos & mold related & structural issues. Corresponded with idol in writing about plan, asbestos in both buildings, has been for decades, management plan present. No disturbance of asbestos. Did an air quality study. Did not cause it to go airborne. There is mold. Are the airborne concentrations above outside air? Conceded structural issues too. Putside consultant did air sampling. TME analysis. Non detected for asbestos. Mold showed levels were lower than outside. IDOL said satisfactory & they considered issue was over.

Clevenger says we should get this clarification out as widely as possible. Etc.

Collins. How doing on registration?

(Guy's name?) 80% registered as of Friday. 67% last year. 61 year before.

Collins. Alltown busing schedules?

Curry. Alltown did their bids & doing dry runs this week. Collins asks if alltown will be sending robocalls with estimated pickup times.

Swarthout says there's an app dps61.org/findmybus telling time, delays, etc.

Collins. Alternative? Swarthout. Letters go out from schools to tell families.

Wetzel. Registration/dropped aug 8. What happens tomorrow?

Clark they'll hafta go into schools to register. Need ti make sure busing is adequate.

Collins. Don't say were gonna drop your student next year. Violates school code article 26?. Clark. Says "inactive" not "dropped"

Dion. Takes 2 weeks to add a stop? Clark. It depends. Up to transportation. Small chnage is 48 hour delay.

Collins apologizes to dion for interrupting.

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Val talley security admin. 2 SROs werent trained. 1 went to indiana. NASRO. 40 hour course. Detective laury with DPD attended? Working on sensors for vaping. He is liaison for district with dpd. May bring in trainer next year for sros. Big reason for teachers leaving is school safety.

Reynolds. Are the school entryways all secure? Talley. Hard to put into perspectiv. B&g made space between entries & outside. they are still glass structures. Nashville TN had a weapon breach. May consider more protective materials.

Collins. Is this training offered for everyone? Talley. We're gonna build a program. Nasro has a curriculum & that will be our basic training. Starting FY24.

Collins. In interim can we send folks away? Talley, not enough security staff to ensure safety if sending folks away. Maybe mandatory training week before school in future.

Dion. Explore post? Talley. 10 kids here tomorrow. Boy scout exec here tomorrow. 4 srudents signed up for it. 3 adult advisors. If we get these 10 to apply, we're up & running.

Clevenger. Commend talley for professionalizing our school security operation.

Administrativr leadership team update. (Dennis)?

Dr. Clark.
Sept 5 start date. Grab & go meals at mosaic campus. Edulog has bus times. Extended day starts sept 5. Gla setup nearly complete at stephen d. Working with city transit for secondary kids who use city bus. Found place for city bus to dropoff.

915-335pm for sdms and montessori.

Second set of modulars have arrived & being put together. Third set of 4 is expected on sept 11th & full move in sept 22. Website will show movement of modulars, with weekly updates. Photos and video of sdms walls. photos of modular site work.

Thanks b&g staff, ameren, etc somebody is always working out there.

Addresses modular classroom myths. Locking doors & security cameras on site. Says she just went online and pulled info from 4 or 5 sites.

Thanks to b&g, metzger, unions & workers, state & local officials etc.

Long term plan. Would vet some companies to give presentations. Wants consensus to move forward with getting those people.

Scheider. Big focus on cost & timing for dennis. How long for entire district? Clark says that's more on them, than clark. Wants to bring them in front of board. Scheider says dennis is separate decision from rest of district. Says we need to know asap. Clark says repairs to dennis will not solve problem. Reynolds asks if bldd will do 10 year hls. Clark says yes & this is totally different. Reybolda asks how it is different. Curry. 3rd party, not part of bldd. Clark is asking for approval to send request for professional services. It is time consuming process. Wetzel. Request is to bring in plan? Or ... curry. I am referring to the engineering analysis. This is much more intensive than HLS.

Clark. That's step 2, when we'll bring in community aspect & share plan.

Collins asks when last 10year waz. Curry says 10 hears ago & due this year.

Dion says 10year is just like walkthrough?

Collins wanted to make sure this wasn't missed in a recent inspection.

Structural analysis team will provide plans. Reynolds all for it. Scheider asks about timeline. Clark. Better timeline after this is approved.

Scheider. Wants to repair both dennis buildings and doesn't want to see it put off. Wants to know how rest of board feels. We need to be accountable for these 2 buildings getting to where they are and it is our responsibility to put them back in shape. Not opposed to a new dennis k8 building, but we don't have a location in current dennis neighborhood. If we get one, then 3 year plan, like dreamer. Says we have 1 year of modulars & doesn't want to make a decision til parents etc see how its working. If we dont have those 2 buildings to go back to, we've let down the community & its our responsibility to make it available. Cost of repairs can be contrasted with modular for 2-3 more years. Dennis is unique & we need to recognize that & decide in the next month or so if moving forward with repairing rhise two buildings. Asks other board if go forward with dennis.

Collins. Says are we just waiting for district analysis before deciding on next dennis steps? Wants to get the firms in here. But what is the immediate plan?

Clark. Want to make sure you have all the info, understand sense of urgency, but wants to make sure we take right approach. Her recommendation is district wide analysis.

Dion. Something needs done with 2 dennis. Whats the best decision? Fix the way it was or do it better? Part of convo when talking about replacing dennis before. Repairs dont address gym/playground, etc. Collins brown asks if we can have a community forum for parents teachers etc to provide input.

Clark says that's atwp 2 & step 1 is analysis.

Reynolds agrees with scheider about getting price estimate for repairs. Agrees about district analysis but dennis is job 1.

Collins. Can we have them focus on those 2 campuses first then give us down?

Curry. Structural engineering analysis is separate from repair estimates.

Collins. Can we hire a firm to get an estimated cost if repairs? Maybe at same time as other building analyses. Curry says want multiple bidders to give costs.

Scheider. You said you had communications with mason. Curry. Autobahn? Says this is a year+ fix.

Collins. Can you hear back in 2 weeks from masonry companies? Curry. Said we can probably get a vendor or 2.

Dion (beown? ldk). does that put other work off?

Curry. Do I have consensus to move forward with analysis & 2 repair estimates?

Clevenger. Bigger problem in District. Look at demographics, space allocations, facility utilization, and how those will fit 5 or 10 years down road. Doesn't want to rush into this. Concurrently with structural issues, staff be thinking about enrollment projections & long term. Planning in 3 or 5 or 10 years. Says we're looking at positioning district for long term. Concerned about band aid solutions.

Curry. Believes that's all part of Clark's plan. Clevenger. Had impression it was just structure. Clark says everything.

Dion. Does this allow us to redefine strategic plan? Clark. In the end, yes.

Bradford asks Clevenger to clarify what consensus was found

Wetzel. In 1960 had 66k ppl & most schools built between 50 & 70. We're in a bad place. 25% smaller since 1980. 10k when he graduated. 22k in 1994?? Gonna be pain in "deciding to shrink" and it won't have great answers. Have to talk about Dennis but need this plan.

Collins. No one was disagreeing about the plan, but rush on Dennis cost estimates.

Wetzel. Gravity of this situation is huge.

Dion. Eyes wide open. Something about brave conversations.

Clark. Still wants clarity.

Collins. Structural engineer analysis AND cost repairs of Dennis buildings. Clark. So do full analysis but get Dennis costs first. Curry says we can do it concurrently. Point of consensus, not motion.

Dion/Collins kind of restated themselves.

Banks was silent throughout.

Consent items.

Collins asks for clarification on item F. What would be approved? Guy answers professional development to make more something in STEM project. Collins asks if we should share training with other DPS teachers. Guy says this is just for them, not full DPS.

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Roll call items.
Item a. Discipline Was pulled from agenda.

Pershing lady hired.

Karissa weekly. Started at Pershing on July 24th.

Contract between DPS and Macon County Mental Health Board.

Scheider asks for quick explanation.

Green shirt. 3 student interventionist positions. 11 paid for by dps. 3 by mental health board. 14 total. All employed through dps. Approved....

7 minser social emotional learning curriculum.

Collins asks if data to support this is effective. Reynolds would like to see the data. Dion asks if was favorable. Guy says it was. Collins asks if we can table for next meeting. Clevenger comfortable with dr. Grays assessment and concerned about professional development days coming up.

Reynolds happy to follow recommendation but would like to hear from participanrs and know rhat they're qorking. He's having a tough time just saying yes as a new member. Wants to hear how specific folks benefited from it.

Gray. Paid out of title funds.

Collins. Do teachers like 7 mindsets? Gray. No negative feedback.

Dion. Study between 2 schools or something? Claek has witnesses 7 mindsets & schools using it all the time. QE do have to teach kids how to be social, acknowledge feelings, how to express themselves.

Clark happy to bring information. Collins says hes been asking for that, several times. Clark says she'll try to do better.

Collins motions to table. Scheider seconds. Banks ask if audience member had comment (who is she?). Sent 5 hs students to ...

Collins. I understand thay, but i don't have jt in front if me. Scheider asked if we can pau contract later. Gray says its not a problem. Scheider says hell probably approve it but wants to see report first. Reynolds said he'll vote for it (table or item?)

Clevenger. Calls counsel to sort out. Roberts rules are a guide. Counsel says vote in any irder.

Clevenger says we can vote on first motion before motion to table. Scheider says we need to vote on motion to table.

Clevenger and scheider kinda argue. Counsel says follow past practice of voting on motion to table without withdrawing original motion. Collins says vote to table.

Motion to table. Dion no. Reynolds nay. VLevenger nay. Brown yes. Scheider yes. Banks no. Wetzel no. Motion does not carry.

Original motion, to approve contract with 7 mindsets thing.

Collins says no bc he does not have data. Other 6 vote aye.

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1st class teacher something. Hope, garfield, sdms.

Collins asks gray for clarification. 1sr class educators provide support to schools regarding viases, classroom management. Feedback from principals was we like them but not everyone wanted them. Bew contract tailored to certain schools that have a need.

Dion. Asks about group contracts to negotiate prices. Each school responsible for their own climate and culture so they are driving this.

Unanimous approved.

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Bid award for oven replacement at sdms.

Dion. Why bid on oven replacements? Curry. Purchase of new, so more than bid threshold. Will be less ovens but higher quality. Food service account money.

Unanimous aye.

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Bidd proposal for 2023 hls services.

Scheider. How does that relate to earlier analysis?

Curry this is just the checklist thing. Not real structural analysis.

Reynolds. What does this do for us? What if something happens to school building midway through 10year?

Curry says its in code and you can do more if you want.

Structural analysis will include walls and exterior & can do that as often as you like. And board can call for hls more often if they want.

(Bad notes on last part)

Wetzel asks about annual ROE hls and fire inspectors. Kent says his staff went through with inspectors. Curry clarified these are separate from 10year.

Motion to return to closed session regarding property