

Winslow Junior High Building Committee Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2013

6:00 P. M. to 7:30 P. M.

Winslow Junior High Library

1. Review minutes of January 10, 2013

Correction to minutes. Mark Pelletier's name was inadvertently omitted from the previous two meetings. He was a participant at both the December 4th and the January 10th meetings.

In attendance: Eric Haley, Shelley Phillips, Susan Walters, Pat Poulin, Kyle Price, Jack Nivison, Earl Coombs, Dan Wildes, Paula Pooler, Kevin Michaud, Lisa Ericson, Linda Lambert, Ron Whary for John Ferry, Henning Stabins,

2. Presentation from Stephen Blatt of Stephen Blatt Architects

Exactly 11 months ago, Stephen issued a memo to Eric and Shelley about how we could create a pre k-8 at the elementary school. At that time, the following question was asked of Stephen. If we closed the existing jr. high, would we save enough money annually (oil, operating cost, etc) to save on the note for the elementary school? Stephens's response; A lot of maintenance staff and a lot of repairs need to go in the existing building. 3.5 million dollars will be needed to complete the necessary repairs. This would be done with no money from the state. Stephen has asked, what is the most fiscally responsible path for you to pursue?

According to the repair list, Stephen pointed out that we would need 3.4 million dollars for system, code upgrade requirements. Another consultant reported similar findings, 2.9 million dollars in critical issues that need to be addressed.

Looking at the existing elementary schools. Question asked of Stephen: How would he provide the space necessary for a k-8 configuration? Information from previous studies discussed. Original elementary school had 39 classrooms that would accommodate 800 students. That said, enrollment is slowly diminishing. There seems to be enough classroom space to absorb the existing sixth graders. Proposal is to put a wing that has 7th grade on one floor and the 8th grade on another. The current sixth grade would be absorbed in the existing space. The key is make sure that you are not forced to cross path with different age groups (except of course if they are going to lunch, gym etc.).

Classrooms. In order to house the middle school at the existing elementary school one would need to add an additional 14 or 15 classrooms. 13,000-14,000 square feet. We would also need to consider the different spaces needed (labs, etc.). Other elements need

to be considered as well such as the cafeteria (more seats needed) and the library. We would need to add to the cafeteria to serve 800 students. We would also need additional gym space. ½ gym was considered. We would need to do some reconfiguration to the existing library. On each end, right and left, there is a possibility of placing a classroom on each side of the atrium.

School entrance is another area to consider at this time. Proposed to move the main entrance and the nurses station. Would improve traffic flow and school safety.

The Kitchen area is large enough.

The main entryway would allow for a locked vestibule so that people can be buzzed in after making appropriate identification.

The proposal calls for putting the 8th grade on a lower level. The 7th grade would be on an upper level. Proposes a flat roof for the additional structure. Suggest not putting a pitch roof where people enter the building for safety reasons. Outside stairway would be an additional cost. Could save tens of thousands of dollars if stairs are inside.

This would be a 4.1 million dollar construction project. If you include soft cost, it would be up to 5 million. That said, currently spending \$375,000 to operate jr. high school. Virtually all those cost go away except maintenance. It will cost \$100,000 to operate this new section of building eliminating \$275,00 in cost. For \$250,000 a year you could bond a little over 3 million.

We do not think the additional wing will qualify for QSCAB funding or any new construction. Preliminary Project Budget handed out. Total projected cost is \$5,220,000. This does not include increased music space or increased library space. The existing music space is quite narrow. Both of the existing rooms would be needed to house the current jr. high music program. You would also need to have space for elementary music in addition to storage. Also did not include locker room space with showers. Should they or do they need to consider team locker rooms? Concerned raised about size and no. of special ed. rooms (ancillary rooms, OP, PT, etc.). Office space will also need to be determined.

High School Gym Discussed. Looked at finishing out what they started which is building out the half gym making it a full gym. Cost \$725,000. This would not include bleachers.

Stephen pointed out that we will need to have the entire campus repurposed. Together, looking at 6 million dollars of bonding. Steve points out that is a lot of money. Asked the question, what would it look like if we were less aggressive? Explains some of the potential options.

Questioned raised: Do we have enough gym space for afterschool activities? Would we be better off having another full gym at the elementary school with bleachers vs expanding the half gym at the high school?

3. Review goal/purpose of committee

The board created this committee for us to review the four options, research those options and make recommendations' to the board. It will be the board's decision as to what they do with the jr. high school.

4. Public Meeting

This committee would schedule a public meeting to present the options and choices.

5. Next steps- See Future Agenda Items.

6. Future agenda items

Process the information you heard tonight. Email Eric your thoughts and questions. Eric will contact Stephen and we will process the questions at the next meeting.

7. Other thoughts

8. Next Meeting Date is February 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the WJH Library.