



BOARD OF EDUCATION Work Session

Minutes for February 24, 2020

The Board of Education met in work session immediately following a short called meeting at 5:37 p.m. on February 24, 2020 at Maryville Jr. High School. Board members present were Nick Black, Chad Hampton, Julie Elder, Candy Morgan, and Bethany Pope. Chairman Black opened the work session.

FACILITIES PLANNING PROCESS RECAP

Director Winstead reviewed the facilities planning process and input received from faculty, parents, and students. A survey process allowed for input on the least favorite option of the eight presented and the two favorite options, with the opportunity to add comments. Both groups of educators and individuals were provided an opportunity to respond. Ultimately, option eight was the favorite at 61%, followed by option one at 37% and option three at 36%.

Dr. Winstead noted that the input sessions also revealed a few changes that would be necessary to the plans to meet the fifteen-year growth standard. Option 1 would need to include an expansion at Coulter Grove Intermediate and option 8 would need to include an expansion at MHS.

The least favorite option of all surveyed was option five.

NEW OPTION

Dr. Winstead noted that the pros and cons expressed by the respondents also revealed the need to add a ninth option. Many respondents felt having the ninth grade back on the MHS campus was a priority. The grade bands associated with this new option nine would be PreK-3 in elementary, 4-6 in our two intermediate schools, 7 and 8 at the current junior high (which would become Maryville Middle School again), and 9-12 at MHS.

Architect Jim Hinton with Cope Architecture provided a preliminary sketch of the MHS campus with a new two-story wing of additional classrooms. It was discussed that several details would need to be resolved before this could become a final drawing, including the purchase of an apartment building adjacent to the current MHS science wing, a decision about placement of new tennis courts, use of the senior quad for an expanded lunchroom, and more.

NEXT STEPS

The board requested that stakeholders have another opportunity to comment on options 1, 8, and 9. Dr. Winstead suggested that a page on the website could be created to explain the revised plans and detail the new plan. A simple survey process could also be added to the site. It was agreed that this process, along with a promotional campaign to solicit for input, would be released on or before February 28.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim.