

## **April 13, 2010 BOE Facilities Committee Meeting Summary**

Report on investigation of alternative sites for H-6 HS: Joe Desormeaux • Timeline presented from 2/16/2010 when BOE abandoned previous site to projected date of closing on new property: 10/29/2010 • The last 3 high schools built took 41 months each to complete; they were smaller high schools than H-6; occurred 4-5 years ago and process is more complicated now • Malone stated he is getting pressured by BOC and other community leaders to finish this project ASAP • Desormeaux responded that some process can begin before final approval from BOC, but this will not help open the school earlier • Malone asked why traffic studies are not done earlier in the process • Desormeaux responded the traffic analysis for previous H-6 site had costs \$200K and took 4 months; said it is not wise to do this for multiple sites • Tedesco said it was possible that BOE leaders could speed up permits using "politics" working w/ town leaders/ staff! • Tedesco asked if, during the design phase, WCPSS could arrange things so that 9th and 10th graders could start earlier than 2014, and continue to finish the project. • Desormeaux and Hayden explained how this was not possible as too many parts of the overall project need to be complete for any students to start. Also, doing such could delay the design phase and may cost more.

Report on Cary High School Master Plan: Sherry Green and Marcella Rorie • Green presented current site overview w/ what has been completed so far, and a depiction of the completed project (master plan) • Goldman asked why windows in one of the new buildings were so high up the wall, why they could not be opened by staff, why some windows were actually covered by walls • Green replied this was the first she had heard of the windows being a problem; Rorie explained why it is not desirable that staff (teachers) be able to open windows- energy waste; Green also replied that perhaps this area had been slated as a science lab, but b/c of the need for

more seats, more classroom space, the plan had changed and windows/walls had been built for a different type of space • Goldman commented this must be the only section of Cary HS w/ working AC (in response to not wanting teachers opening windows b/c of energy efficiency) • Goldman urged the staff to increase the capacity in the master plan even if it meant eliminating the athletic field in the center of the property or increasing the number of floors in one of the new front buildings (not yet built) • Green cautioned increasing capacity b/c of the size of the site (small) and what would consequently be required from the Town of Cary • Goldman said Town of Cary would be cooperative w/ increasing capacity b/c surely they want enough seats for their students • Green pointed out that students are currently using buildings that were meant to be demolished b/c the school is overcrowded; specifically mentioned the students meant to be moved to Panther Creek that never went AND some students are coming back from Panther Creek in 2010-2011 • Rorie reported that she recently went to Cary HS and toured w/ the Principal to discuss facilities concerns, per Goldman's request: not enough space in cafeteria and some canopies connecting buildings need to be replaced. The canopies is an issue in light of costs w/ the CIP- do you replace them and in what priority if the buildings are slated for demolition • Malone commented "Wake Forest Rolesville HS is where this was"- he agreed w/ Goldman that staff should do all they can to work on this project and increase capacity?

Overview of Bond Process: Joe Desormeaux • Reviewed handout • Don Hayden suggested they use this document at all future facilities committee meetings as a guide in discussions on bond projects

Overview of CFAC (Citizens' Facilities Advisory Committee) work and report: Don Hayden • Reviewed handout (from PowerPoint presentation delivered to BOC in 2007)

Malone's closing statements and Questions: • LEED costs more to build and do we really know it saves money? • Is there another school being built that is not a LEED school- one we can look at to do a costs comparison? Hayden & Desormeaux: No • We need to prove to the taxpayers that we're using their money wisely • We're going to need to sell the bonds to the public on a foundation of being fiscally responsible/ efficient • We need to prove to the taxpayers LEED saves money • Malone questioned the use of "daylighting"; are we using it, does it work? • Malone has heard of an example in WCPSS where staff puts duct tape over sensors and thus prevents the system from working • Malone has been told we could have saved \$300K on M-6 site had we NOT used daylighting • Malone wants Design Guidelines to be reviewed, looking for costs savings • Insurance Wrap • Dr. McLaurin verified some of our projects use LEED guidelines, but are not LEED certified • Malone questioned the savings/ effectiveness of the "Wooten water cooling system"