



Project: **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Date: May 21, 2013 – 7:00 PM

Recorded By: Amy Berger

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Name

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- 1.0 The meeting started at 7:08.
- 2.0 Tim stated that the range plan went to the board at the last board meeting and took them part B update, with primarily driven by adjustments to capacity district wide. The middle and high haven't changed, primary did with boundaries changing and two new schools and shuffling classrooms at schools with new libraries. Adding World Language , and preschool also adjusted capacity numbers. The numbers will also look different because of all day kindergarten starting in 2015.

Our capacity numbers work to have the desired number of students in each class, 22 for K-3, 25 4-8, and 27 ½ for 9-12. Our classrooms are smaller than other districts partly due to wanting those smaller class sizes as well as having porches. In the end our capacity ended up going up by about 1000, which makes sense by adding two 500 student schools.
- 2.1 When Tim took the information to the board he wrote a white paper to explain to the board how he came up with the numbers, commemorating the process for calculating capacities in the district. It will be attached to the long range plan in the appendix. The board had no questions.
- 2.2 Today we have part B complete, Part A which is more about programs and what we do. There was some question, Jane was responsive to it. The questions were mostly if our programs align with policy. Jane confirmed they do align. Part A and B are done. In that Tim suggested that it might be appropriate for the board to assign the long range planning committee to start working on part C and come up with a list of needs. They asked if it could be done by December to which Tim said yes. They voted on it, and have recommended the committee start planning. They appear to be marching towards the next bond planning actively.
- 3.0 Sunset will have to be on the next bond, but then we will also need to look at needs in Wilsonville to make sure there is some balance in the two cities. There is a lot of planning around what size to make Sunset, and all that goes along with it. As well as trying to figure out what kind of middle school design we might want to put in Wilsonville.
- 3.1 Doug Middlestetter has introduced a way to finance a portion of a past bond to save taxpayers money and extends the window one year such that it aligns with a summer/fall 2014 campaign with voting yes means no tax increase.

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The levy expires June 30, 2015. The board has not talked about what they want to do with that yet. The levy could be on the ballot at the same time as the next bond, which is what happened in 2008.

- 4.0 Moving forward, there was a residual list from 2008, which included a middle school in Wilsonville and replacing Sunset. There was also an auditorium at WHS, but Aaron doesn't seem to hear that as anything needed right now. The auditorium and black box was repaired greatly during this bond and may be why there doesn't seem to be a need for a new auditorium

- 4.1 Another project that will need to be discussed is a permanent home for Art Tech. The lease we have now goes through June 30, 2017. There is no discussion for any extension.

The program seems to be getting traction, which is good, so the future will need to be considered. There has been some thought to put it out at the CREST farm to school site. There has been pressure to think differently about having more agricultural interests. We have 25 acres at Frog Pond. The way the property aligns you couldn't really build a school, but more of a smaller building which would work for Art Tech. The city has applied to master plan that area as well, along with Advance Rd. The district will be involved in that discussion as well and future planning on their part as well as our own.

We need to work on getting Art Tech to a less expensive cost per student usage as well. Part of it is due to the number of students, but partly due to the cost to operate the building. West Linn and Wilsonville high schools are the most efficient buildings we have in the district.

- 4.2 Another project on the books is the 700 building at WLHS. The conversation about technical skills comes up again and possibly adding a greenhouse for them to use it as an agricultural interest. The building is concrete and the location work to add a rooftop garden. You could create a bridge from the upper level of the high school to the garden and to the track and football field. The building could be an extension of the visitor bleachers at the football field. It is currently being used for all sorts of programs.

- 4.3 There are some smaller projects, one being to re-turf the football fields at both high schools. They are functionally safe and can be used for 1-2 more years, but more money will need to go into them to keep them aesthetically pleasing as well. If we start doing patch work we have patrons that are not pleased with that method. It is cheaper to replace the turf now because it's just pulling up the turf, all the underlay stays the same because it is functioning very well with drainage and subgrade.

There are also some roofs that will need to be done. Nothing too exciting about it, but necessary none the less. A lot of deferred maintenance issues.

- 5.0 Out of the demographics work around middle schools, with capacity and enrollment, middle schools have a smaller set of kids, doesn't grow as quickly. We never can build a new school until it's more than needed.

- 5.1 We've had portables at Wood for about 8 years now. We lease the portables now which is a drain on the general fund. Barb has been very inventive to create schedules around the portables. The other issue besides schedule is that Wood is over capacity and has been. Academically they function with the portables. The core part, lunch, PE, band, etc, is all very tight with the enrollment figures.

Rosemont is over capacity at the moment as well. Their schedule also helps make it work, but again is getting tight. Athey is not yet over capacity, however the principal says they have no room and it's tight. The middle school level has concentrated all special ED at Athey. It takes more

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footprint per student for a Special Ed student than a non Special Ed student. The district likes having Special Ed in one building and mid district.

- 5.2 The other issue is to take a big picture view. We knew we needed primary schools because we were coming over capacity. We built two, and we might have over built. They filled immediately. At the moment when those schools opened with new boundaries on paper all primary schools went to 90% full. Right now we're over 100% capacity at the middle school level. If you take the numbers and contemplate a 400 student middle school and open, you would put the middle schools at about 90% capacity at that point. We have to make sure as a committee people don't look at it as not needing a new middle school yet, we have to look into the future.

- 6.0 The idea of land banking came up and future planning. If we end up creating a new high school in West Linn at the Athey/DOC/Stafford site, you will have to contemplate the future for a middle school as well as moving Stafford somewhere one day. The idea of finding the right land and when to do it is a whole discussion on its own. We can hold onto the Dollar St property until we know what we want to do with it or what we will need down the road.

If the Advance Rd property gets inside the UGB this summer it becomes a topic of great conversation for the next middle school.

Next Meeting:

7.30.2013

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Handouts

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None