

PHASE II SCHOOL DESIGN COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL ANNEX, CR1

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Koehler, Lange, Kolnaski, Shirvell, Harrell, Ritter, Webster  
Staff: Oefinger, Schneider, Norris, Greenleaf, Bresnyan  
JCJ: Greg Smolley, Jeff Beatrice  
Other: Board of Education Chairperson Beverly Washington

Acting Chairman Koehler called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2) RECEIPT OF CITIZENS PETITIONS / COMMENTS - None

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES of October 23, 2008

A motion was made by Harrell, seconded by Shirvell, to approve the minutes of October 23, 2008 as written.

The motion carried unanimously.

4) ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Review of Draft Report

Greg Smolley distributed a draft report dated November 14<sup>th</sup>. He noted that a number of questions were raised by staff and internally at JCJ regarding the costs for the schools. As a result, Mr. Smolley looked at the programming identified by Dr. Mitchell relative to state guidelines. What he found were many amenities that might not reflect maximum grant reimbursement. For example, the state guidelines do not call for an auditorium in a middle school. Under a single school scenario, there is room for an auditorium but in the two or three school options, auditoriums drive up the cost. The current draft report includes the original program as well as a JCJ “pared down” version that still meets the educational specifications, but maximizes reimbursement. The Committee must arrive at a consensus of which program to include in the final report. Discussion followed on auditoriums, gymnasiums, and performing arts spaces. Mr. Smolley suggested starting with the lower cost option and then considering what may need to be added such as a full size gymnasium and performing arts space.

The Committee discussed the reasons that Cutler and West Side Middle School can not practically be expanded and renovated. Greenleaf suggested that the report provide the necessary background on this issue to address the public’s concerns with the costs of building new schools. Mr. Smolley noted that analysis will focus on two areas, programming and cost issues. The Committee then briefly touched on swing space issues.

B. Next Steps

Beverly Washington asked that the new Superintendent, Paul Kadri, be included in any discussions about programming. Mr. Smolley will schedule a meeting with Dr. Mitchell and the incoming Superintendent for some time between December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Committee members were asked to forward their comments on the draft plan to Nicki Bresnayan in the Town Manager's office.

The meeting on December 11, 2008 was cancelled to allow JCJ time to review and incorporate comments into the report. The next meeting will be January 8, 2009.

C. Approval of 2009 Regular Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Shirvell, seconded by Harrell, to adopt the 2009 regular meeting schedule as proposed.

The motion carried unanimously.

5) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Harrell, seconded by Ritter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.