

USD 377 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ADJOURNED MEETING 7:00 PM  
NOVEMBER 27, 2006  
CENTRAL OFFICE, EFFINGHAM

The Board of Education of Unified School District #377 met at 7:00 pm on November 27, 2006, in the Central Office, Effingham, in continued session from the November 13<sup>th</sup> adjourned meeting. Board members present: Steve Caplinger, Todd Gigstad (7:11 pm), Cindy Ladd, Leonard Lange, Jeff Martin, Michael Postma, Mark Westermann.

Administrators present: Steve Wiseman, Mark Preut, Tom Sack, Terry Slattery & Tom Hinrichs.

Visitors: Jeff Schmucker, Globe; Kirk Wohlgemuth, Cy Wallisch, Lori Scholz, Linda Boos.

Caplinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

A) AGENDA ITEMS

1) Agenda

No additions were made to the agenda.

2) Consider Approval of a New Middle School/High School Wrestling Mat.

Wiseman presented bids as follows: Sports Central \$9,550, Resilite \$9,805, Asay's \$10,300. A 4<sup>th</sup> bid from Heathman did not meet specifications.

Motion by Martin to accept the bid from Sports Central not to exceed \$9,550.

Motion seconded by Postma. Motion passed 6-0.

4) Executive Session – Personnel

Motion by Caplinger, seconded by Lange, to enter into executive session at 7:05 pm to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed and that the board return to open session in this room at 7:10 pm. Motion passed 6-0. (Wiseman present.)

The board resumed in open session at 7:10 pm.

3) Feasibility Study Report

Wiseman introduced Andy Anderson of DLR Group whose agency was hired by the district to do a facilities study.

Anderson explained his firm brought architects and engineers in who looked at the deficiencies within the buildings and also had educational architects come up and look at spaces within the buildings to see if adequate for classrooms and staffing purposes. The group was looking for equity between the elementary schools.

Anderson presented a handout on all the spaces seen as deficient, square footage needs for equality in the elementary schools. Additional needs at the middle and high schools were also included.

Costs were presented for Improvements at all buildings, \$9,593,362, and for a new elementary/middle school attached to the high school, \$18,118,860.

Anderson suggested sharing information with the community to get feed-back and input followed by a scientific survey. Anderson answered questions from board members.

Caplinger thanked Anderson for his presentation.

Wiseman proposed the following procedure for disseminating the information presented by DLR Group: 1) Reviewed and studied by building principals 2) Principals to meet with Site Councils, 3) Presented to Facilities Committee, 4)

Community Presentations, 5) Newsletter and other publications. After getting the information out to the community, conducting a survey to determine the amount of community support would be discussed.

After discussion by the board it was the consensus to use the procedure as suggested. Caplinger suggested designating a part of each board meeting in the future to discuss the project.

Wiseman reminded board members the December meeting will be held at the Cummings Center.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Westermann, to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

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Ruth J. Dillon  
Board Clerk