

April 18, 2009

The Johnson City Board of Education met in a special joint session with the Johnson City Board of Commissioners on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., in the Board Room at the Columbus Powell Center. The following members were in attendance:

School Board

Mrs. Kathy B. Hall, Chair
Mrs. Sheila B. Cox, Vice-Chair
Mrs. Jenny L. Brock, Secretary
Mr. Timothy S. Belisle
Mr. Thomas B. Hager, Jr.
Dr. Ralph J. Van Brocklin

City Commission

Mayor Jane Myron
Commissioner Jeff Banyas
Commissioner Marcy Walker
City Manager Pete Peterson

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PURPOSE OF MEETING

Hall called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with architect Don Shell regarding facility projects at Science Hill High School and for the School Board to potentially take any necessary action on recommendations.

II. UPDATE FROM ARCHITECT, DON SHELL, AND HIS STAFF

Don Shell, from Community Tectonics, and some of his staff were in attendance to update the School Board and the City Commission regarding renovation projects for the Science Hill High School campus.

III. DISCUSSION

Discussion was held regarding the timeline (operational by 2011), noise during construction (try to hold to a minimum), football stadium seating (5,000 on home side and 2,000 on visitor side), new dining area will accommodate 850 students, (almost 1300 square foot area), remove wall to existing serving area, Ninth Grade Academy (could be enclosed in its own wing), net gain of 31 classrooms, multi-purpose area will have seven teaching stations and plenty of storage in the main corridors as well as physical education lockers (60 on each side), will eliminate the need to use Freedom Hall for basketball games, Freedom Hall will still be used for graduation and the auxiliary gyms will be used for the ninth grade gym classes with the new configuration, ITMS will gym can still be used for team practices and get students home earlier in the evening, hopefully have geothermal HVAC.

If the go-ahead was given today, the drawings could be ready to bid and to the Fire Marshall sometime in September/October/November, then October/November we could get the Fire Marshall review but we really need to move forward. Hall pointed out that the City Commission had indicated it would not vote on this today. Walker pointed out that there is only \$26 million available for this project and if the bids do not come in favorably, there may have to be some cuts to the project. Shell stated he could have some alternates available in case that should happen. Peterson stated any savings that might occur could be applied to other projects. He noted a big piece of this is the football stadium (a \$5 million piece that is not in this \$26 million project).

IV. NEXT STEP

Walker asked Shell if he could attend the May 7th City Commission meeting to just briefly update the public on this project since the meeting would be televised. Hall noted if the City Commission was going to consider this at their meeting on May 7th, the School Board could consider it at its meeting on May 4th.

V. OTHER INFORMATION

Peterson shared a hand-out with the Board showing a recap of the reinvestment of the Washington County Bond proceeds.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Chairman

Secretary

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