



MINUTES
GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 41
BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL MEETING
FACILITIES COMMUNITY FORUM #2

OCTOBER 12, 2004

7:30 – 9:00 P.M.

- I. Roll Call and Call to Order: President Vivoda called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Board members present: Willie DiFabio, Debbie Hoffman, John Marcheschi, Carol McElvain, and John Vivoda. Carol McElvain entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and Walt Snodell at 9:00 p.m.
- II. Public Participation: None
- III. Welcome: Dr. Barshinger welcomed attendees and began with a review of the Board's timeline to study the District 41 facilities and develop a solution to the overcrowding.. He reported that this is the last of the facilities public forums and added that FGM will present a shortened version of tonight's report at the October 18, 2004 Regular Board of Education meeting. The Facilities Task Force is scheduled to deliver its recommendation to the Board at the November 15, 2004 Regular Board of Education meeting. The Board expects to make a decision at their December 13, 2004 Regular meeting.
- IV. Representatives of FGM Architect's provided an update on their work to date with the District 41 Facilities Task Force to develop facility alternatives to address the overcrowding. Highlights of their PowerPoint presentation:
 - Update of Task Force Progress
 - Review of 5th-6th grade centers tour
 - Student Services Deficiency Analysis
 - Review of Facility Alternatives and Preliminary Costs

A question and answer period was provided after each segment of the presentation.

Key points of the discussion:

The Facilities Task Force is looking at four options: increase portable classrooms to 36 at a total project cost of \$3,190,00; build a new K-5 school and Hadley Addition and Renovations at a total project cost of \$20,690,000; build a new 5th-6th grade center at a total cost of



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\$24,000,000; or, build a new K-6 school and additions and renovations at each K-6 for a total project cost of \$23,200,000

All five buildings have space deficiencies and struggle with traffic and parking issues.

Regardless of whether new space is built, FGM estimates it would cost a total of approximately \$5.3 million to renovate all five schools in order to fix the space deficiencies and make space to accommodate program needs.

Current enrollment is 3,556 and rising. The options presented by FGM can accommodate up to 4,130 students. A demographic study will be presented to the Board at the October 18, 2004 meeting

The District currently owns the Spalding site located in the northeast quadrant of the district. The Board has authorized Dr. Barshinger to investigate the acquisition of other building sites.

The Board agreed that it is a programmatic issue and comes down to what teachers and staff feel is the best solution for kids and what the community is willing to pay for.

A copy of FGM's detailed presentation is attached to these minutes.

(Attachment)

- V. Adjournment: Mr. DiFabio moved and Mr. Marcheschi seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Recorded: October 12, 2004

Deborah M. Hoffman, Secretary

Approved: October 18, 2004

John J. Vivoda, *President*