

The Morning After



Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2009

1. **Call to Order** – President Rummel called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.
2. **Public Participation** – Ms. Deb Conlon completed a request to address the Board regarding agenda item 3.
3. **Facilities/Construction** – After lengthy discussion, the Board approved a motion authorizing the administration to move forward with the Lincoln and Jefferson additions, as presented.

Ms. Deb Conlon addressed the Board explaining her concern with the proposed multipurpose room addition to Lincoln Elementary. She felt this room should be made into a gymnasium to accommodate the students at Lincoln. The current gymnasium is inadequate. Ms. Conlon felt the timing was right and felt it would be a missed opportunity at a later date. Ms. Conlon provided information regarding the square footages at the neighboring elementary schools and did a comparison. Lincoln's gymnasium had the least amount of square footage. President Rummel thanked Ms. Conlon for her input.

Assistant Superintendent Reep briefly explained the proposed additions at Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary. These were documents posted on the school board website under Supporting Documents. Mr. Reep also explained the financial commitments for the additions and provided a handout outlining the financials for the General Fund and Capital Projects. He also explained the cost incurred to move the playground equipment at Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary.

Ms. Janet Prchal from Hulsing & Associates discussed the proposed additions for the two elementary schools, Lincoln and Jefferson. She presented blue prints for the two schools proposed additions.

Ms. Prchal began with Jefferson Elementary. She stated the drawing of Jefferson's blue print was similar to the drawing from the last meeting. Ms. Prchal distributed a copy of a letter from Prairie Engineering that discussed the heating systems at the two schools (Jefferson and Lincoln). The boiler system at Jefferson is adequate for the additional classrooms and the multipurpose room. Mr. Reep explained the restrooms that Ms. Prchal scaled on the drawing were not required. There was discussion regarding removing the additional restrooms and replacing with other options. There was information shared regarding the kitchen, gymnasium, and multipurpose room. President Rummel stressed the importance of flexibility.

Ms. Prchal then provided information regarding Lincoln Elementary. The drawing she presented had some modifications from the proposed blue print from last week. The drawing from last week proposed six classrooms. Since last week's meeting, Ms. Prchal and Assistant Superintendent Reep discussed an option that would increase the classrooms from six to seven. They felt it would be more prudent to have a rectangular design. There was discussion regarding

changing the multipurpose room into a gymnasium. Areas of concern were discussed such as the drainage area and the additional expenses for the square footage, walls, and flooring.

4. **Cooperative Agreement for Girls' Hockey** – The Board approved a motion for a cooperative agreement for girls' hockey. This agreement was after a request was received from a student in the Hazen School District. Due to the low interest for the girls' hockey sport in the Beulah and Hazen School Districts, those Districts chose to cancel this sport for this season. Timing was of the essence due to the beginning date of girls' hockey. An agreement will be drafted for review by the Superintendent.
5. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.