
Middle School Land Purchase

Review of Process and Action to Date:

- Through board workshop discuss, Budget Committee agenda items, and numerous other meetings, the District narrowed their search to three sites in the Fall of 2014. At least two additional sites were considered also.
 - 30 acres of NDSU REC land at \$45,000 per acre
 - 26.5 acres of land in the Pinecrest Addition with the Meyer Group
 - See attached Park District proposal for the cost of this land
 - 117.75 acre tract of land west of States and south of 21st St. W.
 - The District made an offer in late July at \$28,874 per acre
 - Another buyer had first option prior to our purchase agreement
 - After multiple discussion with this buyer the District made an offer to purchase 27 acres of land adjacent to the 117.75 tract west of 15th St. W. at \$45,000 per acre. This offer was rejected as the asking price was \$163,350 per acre.
- After multiple meetings and discussions with the City of Dickinson, it was recommended to the administration that the City's preferred site for the new middle school would be the NDSU REC land. The following points were considered:
 - Construction to improve 21st Street to a three lane street would begin in the Spring of 2015. Shawn Kessel, City Administrator indicated that there will be no school district cost in this project. This improvement of 21st St. would not continue west of 30th Ave. until the Fall of 2017. The District would have street improvement costs with the project west of 30th Ave. if we purchased the Meyer Group property.
 - Coordination of street improvements by the City to 15th St. and 19th St. have greater possibilities with the NDSU land in comparison to street improvements in Pinecrest.
- SB 2159 to purchase the NDSU land was introduced in the Senate of the North Dakota Legislature on Friday, January 23. It has received a 46-0 favorable vote and will be moved to the House for consideration.