



NRHEG Public School

Independent School District No. 2168

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Our Mission: Empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed.

Our Vision: To be the school district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts, and activities.

School Board Work Session

Tuesday, February 15, 2018

Facility Assessment Discussion and Planning

Strategic Plan Focus Area: Ensure that the facilities and infrastructure of the school district are designed to optimize staff performance and student learning in a safe, sustainable, and attractive environment.

Board Goal: By July 1, 2018, develop District master plan to address the adequacy and capacity of the NRHEG School District Facilities for the next 5, 10, and 20 years.

Minutes

The School Board held a special work session on February 15, 2018. Board Chair Rick Schultz called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm. Board members in attendance included Rick Schultz, JoAnn Maloney, Karen Flatness, Dan Schmidt, and Mark Tollefson. Others in attendance included Superintendent Dale Carlson, Elementary Principal Doug Anderson, and Secondary Principal Dave Bunn. Representatives from ISG that included Rod Schumacher and Paul Lawton were in attendance to assist in facilitating the work session.

The work session included:

1. Identified leading concerns and priority needs. ISG presented a draft cost estimate of “physical conditions” including \$3,680,000 for the Elementary School and \$3,800,000 for the Secondary School. The Board continued work on identifying educational deficiencies leading to needed modifications.
2. Discussed and determined a potential/tentative timeline and sequence of events. While a funding plan will not be developed until a cost is determined, the Board did discuss the possibility of a referendum as one potential funding source so that a timeline could be established. The Board discussed advantages and disadvantages for a potential referendum scheduled for November 2018 versus February 2019. No final decision was made.
3. Discussed community engagement priorities and plan. The Board identified a list of potential community members to serve on the Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force is to assist the School Board in making important decisions impact the future of our school buildings. The Task Force will consist of approximately 30 members including Board members, staff, students,

Dale N. Carlson, Superintendent

David A. Bunn, High School Principal

Douglas A. Anderson, Elementary Principal

parents, and community members at large. The Task Force will be an advisory group to the Board, and will examine data from surveys, facility assessment, programming priorities, finance analysis, and other sources as needed. Board Chair Rick Schultz will meet with Superintendent Carlson to review the list and then a draft will be shared with Board members to use to make contacts with potential community members.

A next step is to finalize the Task Force and set a first meeting date. Administration will work with ISG to develop agenda for the first Task Force meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Submitted by _____ Date _____

Karen Flatness, Clerk