

The Board of Directors of the Cedar Falls Community School District in the County of Black Hawk, State of Iowa, met in a work session pursuant to the laws and rules of said Board at the James L. Robinson Administrative Center, 1002 West First Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa, at 7:00p.m. The meeting was called to order by the President and the roll being called there were present Deon Senchina in the chair, and the following named Directors: Susan Lantz, David Williams, Jim Brown, Joyce Coil, James Kenyon and Jenny Leeper. Others in attendance were: Michael Wells, Superintendent, Dan Conrad, Director of Secondary Education, Pam Zeigler, Director of Elementary Education, Dr. Adrian Talbot, Director of Human Resources and Douglas Nefzger, Board Secretary. Student representatives present were Agatha Fenech and Andrew Stensland. Others in attendance: Brad Leeper, Sarah Eastman, Trent Hill, Brent Mane and Emily Christensen.

President Senchina called the meeting to order and reported that the business and action to be taken at tonight's meeting will be focused on student achievement.

Superintendent Wells distributed note books containing information concerning the current high school. Superintendent Wells stated that before we begin in review of the High School situation we need to honor the work that has been accomplished so far in the Cedar Falls Community School District. The past decisions were based on a particular time and the challenges that were faced at that time. The previous renovations were completed during some of the most challenging times in our school district. During that time our enrollment was declining and we were reducing staff in order to maintain a healthy financial position. The money invested in our current High School was the best use of taxpayer dollars possible. The actions taken were both bold and noble. We applaud the efforts of past board members, administration and the community.

Superintendent Wells continued with his presentation of reviewing the history of Cedar Falls High School. The original High School was designed for 600 students and was built on 15 acres at a cost of \$1,419,418 including design fees.

The brief history included:

- Dedication of the high school on November 15, 1953
- 1959 Peet Junior High was built and 9<sup>th</sup> grade moved to Peet Junior High due to over crowding
- 1965 Holmes Junior High was built
- 1963 the first addition of kitchen/cafeteria and first two stories of west wing was added to the High School
- 1967 3rd floor addition was added to west wing
- 1975 hit peak capacity in with 1565 students
- 2001 music and auditorium remodeling was done
- 2005 administration and gym lobby was remodeled

Superintendent Wells reviewed challenges of the current High School that include:

- Curriculum changes
- Climate control within the building
- Land space the facility is located on
- Special needs- ADA requirements
- Teacher office space
- Safety and security of students and staff
- Student flow within the building
- Athletic complex location
- Public areas during games and events
- Parking
- Existing locker rooms
- Cafeteria
- Class offerings
- Energy efficiency

Discussion was held on comparisons between the current Cedar Falls High School, the new Waverly-Shell Rock Middle School and High Tech High in San Diego, California. The Board discussed the recommended size for a school building. Brad Leeper from Invision Architects stated the recommended size for a high school building would be 250 sq. ft. per student.

Mr. Leeper then reviewed the 2012 High School master facilities plan. He briefly outlined the renovations and additions that have occurred to the High School since 2000. Mr. Leeper stated the objectives that were determined during the master planning process include:

1. Expand the availability of classrooms to meet current and future growth in technology needs
2. Improve building circulation and flow for students and staff.
3. Rethink commons area outside the additional classrooms to better address current and future academic needs which include :
  - a. Common dining development to act as central hub for school and community activities.
  - b. Rethink the classic library to become a media center and technology commons.
  - c. Develop a multipurpose field house, which serves as a flexible and continuous activity space for a variety of events.
  - d. The above areas ideally serve as a “student center” rather than an individual area.
4. Improve availability and safety of vehicular circulation of parking on campus.
5. Improve delivery and loading areas for greater flexibility.
6. Updating existing space not yet renovated.
7. Provide labs spaces to accommodate multiple needs.
8. Upgrade physical and athletic facilities.
9. Upgrade mechanical, electrical, plumbing and communication systems to maximize energy efficiency.
10. Develop organizational strategies for future expansion

Mr. Leeper reviewed the updated 2012 master plan that includes:

1. Remodeling/renovation of the remaining current facility.
2. Enlarging the auditorium entrance with an addition on the front of the building.
3. Enlarging lobby area in front of the current gym, constructing a new field house to the north of the existing gym and a new commons/cafeteria area to the east of the new proposed field house.
4. Adding a new technology center and flexible labs (science/engineering/technology).
5. Shared resource centers and relocating the media center to the second floor.

Mr. Leeper reported the estimated projected costs for these updates would run between \$52 and \$54 million.

Mr. Leeper and the Board discussed the pros and cons of renovations and remodeling of the current high school facility.

Superintendent Wells stated the next work session concerning the High School will be January 29, 2013 at 6:00p.m.

#### Adjournment

Director Coil moved and Director Lantz seconded the motion to adjourn. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Leeper, Kenyon, Coil, Lantz, Brown, Williams and Senchina. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:03p.m.

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Secretary

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President