

**Meeting:** ECASD Referendum Committee

**Date:** March 17, 2023

**Time:** 3:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.

**Location:** Administration Building Room 137

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marquell Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Bica	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Lyons*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abby Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Johnson
<input type="checkbox"/> Kay Marks	<input type="checkbox"/> Kaying Xiong	<input type="checkbox"/> Kim Koller	<input type="checkbox"/> Mandy Van Vleet	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* Committee Chair

**Guests:** Jeff Nestor

The regular meeting of the Referendum Committee was called to order by Abby Johnson at 3:08p.m. on March 17, 2023. Quorum was met.

**Notes:** Marisa Pomplun

- **Public Comment**
  - No Public Present
- **Approval of Previous Minutes**
  - The minutes from December 1<sup>st</sup> were reviewed.

Marquell Johnson made a motion to approve the December 1, 2022 Referendum Committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Lori Bica. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- **Referendum Update**
  - Abby and Jeff wanted to provide an update to the committee on the referendum work that has been happening the last few months.
  - Putnam Heights is in the schematic phase approaching the design phase and are the furthest along in the process. We are anticipating students Fall of 2024.
  - South is in the schematic phase and the District is determining the needs and wants for the building in collaboration with the staff. During the schematic phase they will do preliminary drawings to ensure those stakeholders involved are getting what they need in the renovation. Questions were asked about the parent drop off as well as the Fairfax Street crosswalk near the woods being reimaged during this process.
  - North is in the schematic phase and working mostly on the phase 1 classroom addition, commons, and teacher's lounge. In the next few weeks, the team will start the design phase. Student occupancy expected Fall 2024. It is a goal of the team to have the least amount of disruption during construction to students and learning.
  - The group realized that the Memorial Auditorium needs to be closed for construction to occur. This would be a disruption to our students, staff, and community events. It made more sense to postpone architect/engineer work until Fall 2023 with anticipated project start Spring 2024.
  - MHS/NHS Turf project engineer has been contracted and they decided to pause until Spring/Summer 2023. The MHS turf will go inside the track, but there is some research to be done for the NHS location. The goal is to have the turf ready for the 2024 fall athletic season.
  - There have been other projects scheduled for Summer 2023 including the Manz boiler/pump replacement, Sherman gym wall divider, and beginning the flooring replacement at both High Schools.
  - This spring the District also plans to bid the projects for the Northwoods boiler/air handler replacement, the Northstar air handler replacement, Locust Lane air handler and VAV replacement, Meadowview boiler and chiller replacement. These projects are anticipated to be completed in Summer 2024. There are extended lead times to get some of this equipment.

- The projects we are planning account for more energy efficient options including solar on our buildings in the future. B&G is working with a group to do energy audits as well to determine long term goals and plans as well.
- Focus on Energy has also been involved to get the District credits back for current projects and will work to see what other future credits will come from referendum projects.
- ECASD wants more generic hardier landscaping that is low/no maintenance. Biodiversity is being considered as projects move forward.

#### **Action Items**

- Add note to the Facility Use Calendar about MHS Auditorium in Spring 2024
- Adding more information to the website to show community what their referendum dollars are going towards once it is ready.
- **Wrap-up Meeting**
  - Next meeting April 21, 2023

Phil Lyons moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Marquell Johnson. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:11p.m.