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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION School District No. Re-1 Valley, Sterling, Colorado

SPECIAL MEETINGS

- February 10th, 6:30 p.m.-Campbell Elementary School
Directors Breivik, Brekel, Northup, and Valdez were present.
- February 15th, 7:00 p.m.-Stevens Elementary School
Directors Breivik, Brekel, LeBlanc, Northup and Valdez were present.
- February 16th, 7:00 p.m.-Caliche Schools
Directors Breivik, Brekel, Brom, LeBlanc, Northup, Patten, and Valdez were present.
- February 17th, 6:30 p.m.-Ayres Elementary School
Directors Breivik, Brekel, Brom, LeBlanc, Northup, and Valdez were present.
- February 28th, 6:30 p.m.-Hagen Elementary School
Directors Breivik, Brekel, Brom, Northup, Patten, and Valdez were present.
- March 1st, 6:30 p.m.-Sterling High School
Directors Brekel, Brom, Northup, Patten, and Valdez were present.
- March 2nd, 7:00 p.m.-Darrell Smith High School
Directors Breivik, Brom, Brekel, Northup, LeBlanc, Patten, and Valdez were present.
- March 3rd, 7:00 p.m.-Sterling Middle School
Directors Breivik, Brom, Brekel, LeBlanc, Northup, Patten, and Valdez were present.

The Board met with community members, parents, and staff at special meetings that were held in each school building during the listed date above. The meetings began between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., with each meeting lasting about two and a half hours.

Dr. Summers presented a slide show that provided an overview of the district's facilities. Site improvements, envelope repair, interior upgrades, electric services upgrades, mechanical/plumbing, and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance were major issues covered.

The following list of talking points was shared at each meeting.

FACILITY STUDY TALKING POINTS

Intent of community meetings is to have a community dialog about facility issues and collect information from patrons for consideration in resolving the facility issues in the Re-1 Valley School District.

1. Problem – Current conditions of schools and facilities in the Re-1 Valley School District. This is a community issue because the schools are the “heart” of our Re -1 Valley community.

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- Sterling High School – 10 year life without renovations and increasing costs with delay of repair to heating, ventilations, plumbing and electricity
- Darrel Smith High School – 30 year life with reasonable maintenance
- Caliche Jr./Sr. High School – 15 year life with increasing costs for quality facility
- Sterling Middle School – 20 year life with the roof as a priority for repair
- Ayres Elementary School – will begin to cost the district for maintenance in 15 years
- Caliche Elementary School – 20 year life with basic maintenance needs
- Campbell Elementary School – 10 year life without renovations includes priority items
- Hagen Elementary School – 10 year life without renovations
- Stevens Elementary School – 10 years without renovations and asbestos abatement there will be costs for heating, plumbing, floor covering, and replacement of windows and doors
- Administrative Center – Not included in plans

- √ Major issues
- Learning Environment includes heating, ventilation, plumbing, and cooling
 - Roof systems
 - Drainage problems in walking areas around buildings
 - Asbestos abatement – SHS and Stevens
 - Electrical upgrades due to increased technology needs
 - Energy issues including window and door replacements as well as lighting
 - Age of buildings

- √ Minor issues
- Flooring replacement
 - Playground and asphalt problems
 - Tuck work and interior / exterior painting
 - Irrigation and water around the buildings
 - Ceiling tile replacement

- √ Future issues
- ADA requirements when any modification or construction is made to public facility
 - Long range plan for maintenance and care to extend budgetary issues over time
 - Changing student population and enrollment
 - Technology needs for students to stay current with educational matters

2. Solution – Plan for buildings needs now and in the future. This is a benefit to the community because healthy school building environments

- Benefit students and learning
- Attract business and industry
- Increase local property values
- Increase opportunities for economic growth

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- √ Community considerations
- Take care of needs now or pay bigger repair expenses in future
 - What is needed in a community school?
 - What kind of attendance configurations do parents desire?
 - Buildings need to accommodate required and extra programs that benefit students and their learning styles.
 - Provide a better indoor environment through air conditioning to enhance student learning

3. Cost – Plan for future. Current budget has no extra funding for renovations projects in the near future to the extent needed to extend the life of current school facilities.

- Determine needs
- Consider community suggestions in developing long range plan
- Consider methods to pay for identified facility needs
 - ⊗ Bond Election would provide funding for capital projects
 - ⊗ Mill Levy Override could create funds for maintenance of buildings over time

Attendees were given the opportunity to ask the Board of Education questions about the materials presented after the summary. Participants shared ideas about how to plan for district facility needs in the future.

John Valdez, President

Gary Northup, Secretary

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