

MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT: Oakridge Public Schools

PROJECT NO: 15-106.00

DATE: September 28, 2015

PRESENT:

Steve Hoekzema, TowerPinkster

Josh Szymanski, O-A-K

PURPOSE: Steering Committee Meeting

- 1. Heating is a major need in several schools.
- 2. Asbestos it is safe; mostly floor tile.
- Recent additions don't have to be redone.
- 4. Boilers new, will require new ducts and replacing galvanized piping; which.
- 5. Lighting rebates. A lot of lights are being replaced now.
- 6. Inflation needs to be factored in.
- 7. Technology bond secure entry needed at middle school.
- 8. Auditorium electrical, flooring at stage, stains. Seats are broken.
- 9. Changes in education repurpose computer labs. Personalized project based learning? Agrarian calendar? Year round schooling?
- 10. Upper Elementary Full. Portables are not a good solution anymore.
- 11. Classroom additions or fix what we have? Hard choices.
- 12. Growth will continue. High School is full. No room in the lunch room.
- 13. Are we required to upgrade our facilities for ADA if we make improvements? Only if over 50% renovations.
- 14. The district has been accomplishing some maintenance repairs out of the operations budget.
- 15. Facility Assessment will be available on the website.
- 16. Don't own any old school buildings. The district does own 200 acres of vacant land on 3 properties.
- 17. Need to know exactly where the money is going.
- 18. Talking points "devil's advocate". Need to anticipate community questions.
- 19. Does the state help with funding? No.
- 20. Oakridge has the lowest revenue of the entire county. Disparity in equity.
- 21. Enrollment highest ever this year; even though birth rates are declining. There are homeless people. Developers want to build more sub-divisions and expand trailer parks. We will discuss this more next month
 - a. 2009 The population dropped to its lowest recent level.
 - b. Up about 50-60 kids per year.
 - Utilities need to be extended also.

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- 22. Next meeting revenue sources, enrollment/capacity; how do we address needs, taxable value projections, timing.
- 23. Capacity at what point do we reach capacity? Buildings quite full now.
- 24. Prioritizing given limited resources
- 25. Community Meeting need to get facts out soon. Steering committee needs to help explain it.
 - a. Pictures are pretty shocking
- 26. Information need to have the answers before you meet with the community. Compare to other districts.
- 27. Options beside a bond issue. The district can only generate \$175,000/year for a one mill sinking fund.
 - a. Refinancing, stimulus funds, etc.

The foregoing constitutes our understanding of matters discussed and conclusions reached. Other participants are requested to review the items and advise the undersigned in writing of any errors and/or omissions.

Respectfully submitted,

TowerPinkster

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cc: All Present