

Wapsie Valley Community School District
Special Board Meeting
March 25, 2009, 5:00 pm
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

1. Call to order: Board President Woods called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in the Wapsie Valley Jr./Sr. High School Media Center. In attendance: Board President Randy Woods, Board Member Donna Costello, Board Member Merlyn Duffy, Board Member Scott LaRue, Board Member Jerry VanDaele, Superintendent Chad Garber, Dean Mangrich, Eric VanDaele, Rustie Kane, Jim Trummell.
2. Communications, Considerations of Additional Items for the Agenda: none.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Orientation of Fairbank Elementary School building on lot:
6. The Board revisited the location and orientation of the Fairbank Elementary building on the existing lot. Three options were considered at this time:
 - A. a building located near the center of the lot, directly behind the existing building facing south;
 - B. locating the building in the northwest corner of the lot approximately 37' from the center of the street on the north side of the building and 66' from the center of the street on the west side; or
 - C. locating the building towards the northwest corner of the lot, approximately 64' from the center of the street on the north side and 101' from the center of the street on the west side.

The following considerations were taken into account:

Centered in the lot Proposal A

Benefits of this placement included the following:

- District patrons had seen this concept in a drawing;
- Existing bus parking and teacher parking on the south end of the lot could be used for student drop-offs.

Drawbacks of this placement included the following:

- In order to access the receiving "dock" of the building, delivery persons would need to cross areas where children may be playing;
- The existing cement basketball area would need to be removed;
- Teacher/staff parking may conflict with bus drop-off areas;
- In the event that construction is delayed, the drive ways in the front of the building could not be completed until the original building was demolished; and
- Setting the building further back on the lot increases the paved area requiring snow removal.

Northwest Corner Proposal B

Benefits of this placement that were discussed included:

- This building position allows for the greatest amount of green space/open area/play area;
- Teacher/staff parking is in the back of the building, away from the bus/student drop-off area;
- A clear line of sight is available across nearly the entire play area. While the school has no plan to supervise students on the playground with a single person, the staff members who have duty will have a more clear view of the entire playground from a single vantage point;
- Sidewalk from new school to basketball court could be added for days when the playground is wet or muddy.

Drawbacks of this plan that were discussed included:

- This was not a part of the drawing that was used as material in the early election efforts; and
- Additional sidewalk will need to be added to accommodate a student drop-off area.

Northwest Corner Proposal C

. Benefits of this plan included:

- This plan provides greater “setback” on the north and west side of the building;
- The teacher/staff parking lot would be in back of the building away from student/bus drop-off areas. This parking area seems to finish the northeast corner of the lot more completely, and possibly, allows access to that parking lot/receiving area from two streets;
- Again, a clearer line of sight is available for monitoring all children on the playground; and
- Sidewalk from new school to basketball court could be added for days when the playground is wet or muddy.

Drawbacks of this plan are similar to those listed above:

- This was not a part of the drawing that was used as material in the early election efforts; and
- Additional sidewalk will need to be added to accommodate a student drop-off area.

Based on the Board’s action on this item at the February 16, 2009 meeting, and after further discussion of the options, no action was taken to reverse the decision from the previous meeting.

7. Sunday use of facilities: Motion was made by LaRue and seconded by VanDaele to approve the use of facilities on Sunday by the wrestling team. Motion passed.
8. Adjourn: Motion was made by VanDaele to adjourn. This motion was seconded by LaRue. The motion passed and the board adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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