

CAC Minutes – January 23, 2006

Next CAC meeting: Monday, February 27 at the Board of Education Building, 7:30. Please advise Sherman Bishop, Lee Field-Starks or John Doucette in advance if you will be unable to attend the meeting.

Attendees (17): Sherman Bishop (presiding), Dr. Jim Costanza (Superintendent), Tom Mays (Board of Education), Renee Wargo (Board of Education), Garn Anderson, Andy Call, John Doucette, Lee Field-Starks, Judy Friedman, Kevin Kanareff, Troy Miller, Kathleen Stock, Carrie Tate, Linda Wade, Dan Walsh, Christie Wiedt, Eddie Williams

Absent with notice: Marcia Columbro, Jayne Hoon

Absent without notice: Jean Seasholtz

The following are the minutes from the January 23, 2006 meeting at the Board of Education building:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sherman Bishop at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with no additions or corrections.

The motion was made by Kevin Kanareff and seconded by Dan Walsh.

Approval of Minutes

The December 19 meeting minutes were approved.

The motion was made by Kevin Kanareff and seconded by Garn Anderson.

Superintendent's Report by Dr. Jim Costanza

Dr. Costanza discussed several topics.

- The State Report Card will be expanded to include more indicators and statistics regarding achievement and activities.
- Reiterated that the levy will be placed on the May ballot.
 - \$9 million will be raised but there is a \$4 million deficit to offset.
 - The 6.9 mill rate will cost homeowners \$211 annually per \$100,000 in valuation.
 - This amount reflects a planned reduction of 1.2 mills for debt reduction that was scheduled to take effect in 2007.
- Answered questions concerning iPod thefts at Burneson.
 - Cannot comment on details
 - Trying to improve security of lockers and to teach respect for property and vigilance.

Board of Education Report by Renee Wargo

- The Board will be concerned with the Levy. Dave Beal will be the Board's liaison to the levy committee.
- Thanks Andy Call and Sherman Bishop for the opportunity to participate in the PAC meeting the previous Saturday.
- Answered question regarding feedback from the community on the levy.
 - Not much feedback has been received. Hope to focus on the list of cuts to be made if the levy fails as well as the potential impact on property values.

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Committee Reports:

- Performing Arts Center (Andy Call)
 - Held strategy session involving committee members, students, teachers and Board representatives. A volunteer facilitator conducted a SWOT analysis.
 - Will prepare a mission/vision statement for Board review.
 - Seems to be an information issue. Many people do not realize that there are in fact events taking place at the PAC (about one per month) and that it is not only there for use by the schools.
- High School Research (Lee Field-Starks)
 - Conducted tour of High School. Some concerns about appearance of physical plant – there is room for improvement. Some of this may be due to budget limitations.
 - Identified a survey of eighth graders and where they plan to attend high school. Will try to obtain data from this pertaining to reasons for choosing schools other than WHS.
 - Summarized review of data from January, 2005 survey of voters. These will be included in the committee's report.
- Business Partnerships (Carrie Tate)
 - Seeking feedback from other districts and private schools (Hathaway Brown).
 - Success is defined as internships and shadowing opportunities, not donations. Need a central person with contacts in the business community to coordinate this. The problem does not appear to be that businesses are turning down requests; rather, requests are not being made by the schools.
- Levy (Garn Anderson)
 - Continuing to review research results and will let the facts speak for themselves.
 - Have not found a single document that addresses the entire scope of the issue/
 - Still plan to deliver final report at February CAC meeting

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

- Leslie Brusk resigned from the CAC for personal reasons. Jayne Hoon was nominated by Sherman Bishop to fill Leslie's term, which expires in 2006.
- Discussed possibility of changing February meeting date in order to avoid conflict with Board meeting. Decided by consensus to keep the meeting on the 27th in the Dover conference room.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Sherman Bishop at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes taken by John Doucette

Corrections/missing items/amendments may be made during the next meeting as needed.

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