

# Meeting AGENDA



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Date Jan. 13, 2016  
Project Junction City Facility Planning  
Project No. 74-15101-00  
Subject Facilities Committee Meeting—Update on Plans

**NOTES** The Facilities Committee gathered at Laurel Elementary cafeteria on Jan. 13 to hear the status update on acquiring land adjacent to Oaklea Middle School as the preferred site for the proposed new Laurel Elementary and how this might affect their recommended Facilities Plan.

Supt. Kathleen Rodden-Nord shared with the group regarding the hearing with the Planning Commissioners and the effects of their decision not to endorse the needed zoning change. She said that the District remains committed to the site as the optimal location for the new Laurel Elementary but that this would necessitate a restructuring of the current facilities plan and related bond projects that was recommended by the committee to the School Board. Rather than a change, this could become more of a phased approach, with the new Laurel part of a Phase 2 funded in a future bond. This plan adjustment, however, could allow for the district to move forward now with a bond that contains more improvements at the high school(that had previously been scaled back). This new package could also be on a shorter payback schedule, allowing for the second bond election in 5 years or so that could fund the new Laurel Elementary.

DLR Group reviewed the previously committee-recommended facilities plan as it was presented to the Board in December (replacement of Laurel and Phase 1 replacement of Junction City High). Conversation then went around the room, allowing for each person on the committee to give comments about the recent developments and possible plan adjustments.

A revised/more detailed list of critical needs projects throughout the district was presented to the committee, with associated costs. The components of a possible revised Facilities Plan were reviewed, with Laurel pushed out to a future bond and a complete replacement of E Wing could be accomplished. Information was given on possible state matching funds and options were discussed on how that might allow the district to cover more of the critical capital projects and add an auxiliary gym to the proposed improvements at JCHS.

A vote was taken and the Committee supported this revised facilities plan almost unanimously.

Next was a discussion about what questions the community might have about the facilities plan. The following are community member responses:

**Possible frequently asked questions to be addressed:**

- Why would we pass a bond if they can't keep gutters cleaned?
- What is the District's Annual Operating Budget? What do these funds go toward and how much in each category?
- Some of the work seems like just maintenance. Why can't the District pay for these items within their current operating budget?
- How do Junction City tax rates for schools compare to other districts in Lane County?
- How will these projects affect students? (*i.e. learning, improved security*)
- Why can't you wait and go out for a bond later?
- What was the effect of Measure 5? (state apportionment for the general fund) Piper Jaffray has a good write-up explaining this.

Next Steps

- Feb. 22 board presentation, executive summary to go out to committee ahead of time  
(Two committee members needed to present: Angie Gibson & Mark Steinmetz volunteered.)
- Informational communications of facilities needs and issues starting Feb. 23
- Statistical survey of community
- Bond projects would need School Board approval more than 60 days ahead of election

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