

SPUC Meeting – April 6, 2015

Attendees: John Garritsen, Mike Schmidt, Dave Gomes, Katie Spodyak, Crystal Sandos, Rim Watson, Michelle Gates, Tim King, Marcel Flukiger, John DeStefano, Joyce Spangler, Jim Walpole

Meeting Called to Order: 5:30 p.m. – meeting called to order, pledge of allegiance, Marcel acting chairman.

Secretary Vote: Michelle Gates, volunteered, voted as secretary

March Meeting Minutes: Delay approval of last month’s minutes until the next meeting.

Superintendent Search: Chet Lawrence informed SPUC that we have 8 finalists. We will narrow to 4 candidates. These four finalists are invited to a meet and greet with the public on April 17th. The school board will meet on Monday, April 20th and vote on a finalist.

Facility’s Needs: Tim made a motion to approve the facilities master plan, noting changes will happen based on future decisions. Seconded by Crystal. Motion passed.

Fact Sheet: No update. Past numbers need to be filled in as we have that information. Future numbers will need to be projected. Asses Evaluation will need to be done with a very small group of SPUC members to meeting the Dave to obtain forecast county funding. Crystal and Tim offered to participate. Tim offered information regarding the private land versus public / federal land without our district. Due to the near capacity of privately held land, little expansion or growth is possible, leaving very few options to increase our tax base. 72% of the population of Park County lives in Platte Canyon, and we have the smallest tax base.

Enrollment: Tim presented the Platte Canyon School District for K-12 Enrollment Projections through 2030. Three scenarios were used (Optimistic: the state official projections based on slow but steady growth; Pessimistic: 3% decline on 15 year trend; Best Guess: Cohort survival approach, which is the basis for projections used for the past few years for budget purposes).

	Optimistic	Best Guess	Pessimistic
2016	952	944	889
2019 / 2020	1004	859	787
2024 / 2025	1022	823	697
2029 / 2030	1031	808	598

SPUC agrees that the enrollment projections are accurate between the optimist and pessimistic projections and should use this data to make recommendations to the School Board going forward. Rim Watson made a motion to accept the PCSD K-12 Enrollment Projections through FY 2030. Mike Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Rosalie Property:

Marcel prepared a history, current use, real estate evaluation and summary of the 599 Rosalie Road Property as of April 2015.

- a. History – the property was purchased on 11/6/1995 for \$425,000 to build a new school. The property has 72.97 acres and is residentially zoned (schools can be built in this zone). In 1998 the property subdivided into two lots of 35+ acres each. There are 3 shallow wells on the property that are not recorded with the state water board. These wells are around 300 feet deep. Deer Valley Park Association has leased the property for \$300 / year for 1-2 months of cattle grazing. In April 2013 – DVPA wanted to purchase ½ the property (no value suggested).

The school board at that time rejected the offer. Foothills Disc Golf Club created a course on the property. Very few, if any funds, are made for the district.

- b. Current Activities – BOERA (Bailey outdoor Education and Recreational Area) established in 2014 determined a goal to raise fund for the district. Currently the property has a parking lot, lockable gates, fencing, 4 miles of GPS mapped trails, signage, picnic shelter, toilet and trash enclosure and volley ball courts.
- c. Real Estate Value – Market analysis done by Crystel Sandos of Deer Creek Realty, based on limited comps estimates the value of the property of \$877,000 to \$1,000,000. Based on Jon Woodward’s evaluation for agricultural usage one, the value is \$500,000.

Instructional Committee: Mike Schmidt indicated that the committee has not had a formal meeting since our last meeting. Marcel asked for possible salaries, technology and graduation requirement needs that the committee could propose. Regarding salaries, Dr. Wolpole indicated that Jeffco is our main competitor who has raised its base to \$38,000. To achieve a \$35,000 base in Platte Canyon, we would need \$250,000 for teachers and \$160,000 for other staff. These dollars are about the same as the State’s negative factor. Regarding technology needs, a document exists that was presented several months ago outlining technology needs. A copy of that document was asked for by the SPUC members. Regarding graduation requirements, the State sets those requirements and is still meeting to decide on a final base. Once that information is distributed to the District, the Instructional Committee will evaluate its current programs.

Facilities Update: SPUC needs information regarding the capacity of each building. These numbers will be needed for future discussions. Tim and John VanDorn will do a draft and will discuss with Dr. Wolpole before bringing to SPUC.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for May 5, 2014 at 5:30 in the Platte Canyon School Board Room.

Meeting concluded at 7:17 p.m.