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To: Community Planning Group

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December 11, 2014 **Delano Community Planning Group #6 Meeting Minutes**

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Discussion Topics:

- A. Wold reviewed a recap of criteria:
 1. Safety and Security
 2. Capacity vs. Enrollment
 3. Acceptable Grade Configurations
 4. Programming
 5. Buildings and Sites
 6. Athletics Activities
 - a. Team lockers at arena.
 7. Physical Conditions
 8. General Overarching Criteria
- B. Needs:
 1. Change "Auditorium" to "Performing Arts Center."
- C. Reviewed Options Discussion:
 1. Option '2' New HS – not favorable.
 2. Option '3' Additions at all building – not favorable.
 3. Option '1' Now 4-6/additions/renovations – favorable option to move forward with.
- D. Reviewed Financial Impact:
 1. Preliminary estimate: \$65,3000,000.
 2. Hand out by Ehlers provided.
- E. Discussion:
 1. Operations levy has passed (right hand column). Sunsets in 4 years.
 2. Do we need to pass an additional levy? No; could possibly be renewed at the 4 year mark.
 3. Option includes cafeteria and gym addition at the elementary? No, grade level pulled out.
 4. Special Ed addition/renovation at elementary school? Yes some.
 5. Average home price is \$275,000-\$300,000.
 6. Group discussed possible date for referendum. May 2015 vs. November 2015.
 7. If moved back to November, what is impact to price. Predicting not much now, as more contractors will be available. May 2015 is a very popular time for referenda.
 8. Discussed legislative process.
 9. Not major tax impact difference with 55 mil or 65 mil.
 10. There seems to be a general support throughout community.
 11. Security is a community concern, but should not be the leading reason for the referendum.
 12. Delano is second lowest property rate in country.
 13. The group discussed possible community reception and concerns with "what do we get for 65 mil."
 14. A group member asked, "Is there anyone in the group that feels that the 65 mil total should be cut back?" The group concluded that the difference between 55 mil or 65 mil is a "hill of beans" difference. Not that big of a difference.
 15. The number is what the number is. Do it right the first time.
 16. The community "needs" list is so important. You "sell" off of this list. We are addressing the main core values of this group.
 17. What are the potential "lightning" rods
 - a. Diving Well, Artificial Turf, Performing Arts Center (need to be able to agree on need).
 18. Didn't choose the most expensive option.



- F. The group discussed potential format of referendum question. This is a board discussion.
- G. The larger group broke down into small groups to discuss the potential recommendation to the Board:
 - 1. "In general, is there something for everyone (all sports teams?) New locker room facilities. Weight room.
 - 2. There may be some clubs or groups that are willing to contribute financially to the overall projects.
 - 3. Discussion on hockey arena. Ideal to have Wold a future expansion to the arena. This is not part of the project.
 - 4. Seniors may perceive some things as "bells and whistles."
 - 5. Need to sell: Safety, capacity, parking.
- H. Recommendation Modifications:
 - 1. Improvements to the campus P.E./Athletic facilities.
 - 2. Remove: "A diving well and additional seating at the pool."
 - 3. Add ADA upgrades at all facilities.
 - 4. Add technology improvements.
 - 5. Add "Community" in front of "Performance Arts Center."
 - 6. Move Community Ed. Building statement next in sequence after the elementary school statements.
- I. Need a Board decision by mid January for a May referenda. This may be tight.
- J. Group Members volunteered to present the recommendation as discussed and approve to the Board on Monday December 15 at 7:00p.m.

cc: Darrell Egly

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