



## MINUTES

### Board Study Session Facility Use Proposals

Wednesday, February 15, 2006  
5:30 p.m.  
Kohlwes Education Center

The Board study session was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President Talley.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Al Talley, President  
Lynn Desmarais, Vice President  
Marcie Maxwell  
David Merrill  
Joy Poff  
Dr. Dolores J. Gibbons, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board

Superintendent Gibbons stated the purpose of the study session is for the Board to walk through a complex proposal that will affect current student housing and program needs. The facilities use proposal has been reviewed with the Board at previous study sessions. Tonight's study session will go into detail with the movement of programs and students.

As presented to the Board at the December study session, the district needs to sell the remaining \$50 million dollars of the \$150 million 2003 bonds. These dollars are earmarked to complete the Maintenance and Transportation projects, as well as several other projects.

In addition, with the overcrowding in the middle schools and attempts to accommodate for new early learning programs, along with growing ESL and special education students, new space and new bond dollars will be required soon. The superintendent reviewed the timeline of running an election for a levy and/or bond with the ramifications of a presidential election in November of 2008. The state of Washington continues to handicap school elections with the dual burden of a "super majority" and 40% validation (of the last general election) requirements. She stated if the district is unprepared for a bond election by February 2008 and the Presidential election is in November of 2008, the next realistic time for a school election would be spring of 2010.

#### Thomson Early Childhood Center

Thomson was built in 1949 and has had a useful life. It is not a good investment of tax dollars to put any additional money into a remodernization. The proposal discussed this evening would move the various early childhood programs to different locations with available space and return the Thomson kindergartners to their respective neighborhood schools.

The athletic fields would remain and a neighborhood park would be added to the Thomson property. The existing building could be closed and a new facility would be built to house the Maintenance, Operations, and Security offices. The Transportation offices will be rebuilt and will remain at the current site with the bus barn.

Discussion followed on the potential placement of various special programs to "Old Hazelwood," Hillcrest and other schools. Concern was voiced about moving the middle school CEDARS Program two years in a row. The Board agreed the least amount of students would be affected by this move.

Dr. Gibbons stated if any of the Board members need additional information prior to taking action on this proposal at the March 8, 2006 Board meeting, contact the Superintendent's office. The Board members individually made comments on the proposal and indicated the district is fortunate to have available space to move the special programs.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the session was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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President, Board of Directors

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Secretary to the Board of Directors