



**Carson City School District**

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## Carson City School District Master Plan Committee

### **Meeting Notes #7–March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Attendance: Approximately 35 people

Main purpose of this meeting was an update from each of the committees, discussion about remaining “to do list” and head towards a rough draft of presentation from Master Plan Committee to School Board.

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- 7.1 Jim Lemaire gave update on their latest Program/Education subcommittee meeting. The group feels CTE/Performing Arts and Pioneer High are all critical to the future success of the CCSD and commitment to the community. They feel there is a lot of scrutiny and careful planning that needs to be done in order to recommend what these programs should look like for CCSD. Therefore, there was a consensus that we need to hire a consultant that can provide an ED SPEC based on the needs of CCSD along with reviewing what other districts in the country are doing. Once we have this ED SPEC, we then need to hire an architect to put in a drawing format for space needs, relationships and overall function – something we can then price and develop a working plan in the next couple years. The recommendation is for initial bond money to pay for this work (estimated in range of \$225k to \$250k). Initial phase maybe 2 years to develop the plan – then about 4 to 5 years out we could have this built (assuming we have the financial capacity)
- 7.2 Debbie McDonald asked if we could get a brief update on Pioneer High – number of kids, what they are doing etc... Jason Zona gave us quick update. They are running about 150 students now; capacity based on current schedules is about 180 students. Could have capacity of about 250 kids with revised scheduling and knowing that “distant learning” doesn’t require the kids in a seat on a regular basis. But enrollment is expected to drastically increase over the next couple years.
- 7.3 Joe Cacioppo from the facilities group gave a quick update of the meeting held yesterday. After starting to review the entire list – the direction taken was that in the first “bond sale” we need to address all school projects that encompass HVAC upgrades, Energy upgrades, safety and ADA issues. In addition, we need to solve the inadequacies at Empire and EVMS – as they are both examples of schools that don’t meet the standards of the other similar schools. After that meeting – Kevin Monsey updated our “projected costs” spreadsheet to cover just these items

district wide. That list was put on the board and came to right at \$20 million. There is an additional \$5 million in immediate needs as well for various site improvement projects, some building issues, and needed finishes for various schools.

- 7.4 It was agreed that the presentation to the School Board on 3/9/10 should include a bulleted list of the \$25 million in recommended immediate needs.
- 7.5 There was discussion about possibly extending effluent water lines to various sites where the infrastructure is already close – another issue that could save operating costs by using cheaper water for landscape.
- 7.6 There was a consensus that we should include the dollars to hire a consultant for the CTE/Performing Arts and Pioneer components – and these fees should be part of the recommended initial \$25 million in projects.
- 7.7 There was a vote – and it was agreed that we would recommend to the board going after a rollover bond – and fixing the rate at .43/\$100 in assessed value. Then there was on-going discussion about why we should lower the rate from .47 to .43. We can certainly justify the needs for the full .47/100 which remains “tax neutral”. It remains that there may be some “tactical” advantages to actually decreasing our current rate – allowing the city to pick this up and help them with their on-going budget problems.
- 7.8 It was recommended that we do indeed pursue as much PV solar as possible – as the rebates go a long way toward paying the entire cost of the new PV system. We will be submitting a comprehensive list of possible PV projects to NV Energy by 3/24 to qualify for the rebates to schools. They will then award based on total available funding. Whatever projects don’t get awarded rebates – we will proceed and submit those in future rebate years.
- 7.9 There was lots of discussion about best way to “sell” the bond. General consensus was given on the projects for the first \$25 million and those can be easily identified and justified. Lots of discussion about how to explain the balance of \$15 million in projects that get funded in the PAYG method. It was agreed that should the board agree to go after a bond in November 2010 election, that a new committee will be formed and tasked with selling the bond, getting the information on the street for voters to easily identify and understand.
- 7.10 Mike Mitchell and Mr. Stokes will provide an update to the School Board on 3/9/10 meeting. Idea will be to provide a summary of each committee recommendations, using the summary provided by the various committee chairs.

**Next regular scheduled Master Plan Committee meeting is Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.** Lunch will be provided and will be held in the same location, District Office Board Room.

Thanks for all whom attended and committed their time and efforts to this extremely important process for the future of the CCSD.

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