

**Minutes of the Special Board Committee Tier Two Facilities Meeting
Community Unit School District No. 4, Champaign County, Illinois
Mellon Administrative Center, 703 S. New Street, Champaign, Illinois
June 9, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**

Committee Members Present

Amy Armstrong, Sam Banks, Jamar Brown, Steve Carter, Clarissa Fourman, Craig Hays, Chris Kloeppel, Will Kyles, Tim McMahon, Luz Murillo, Alan Nudo, Craig Rost, Dee Shonkwiler, Laura Weis

Public Comment

Prudence Runkle – gave examples of campus buildings that were old and have been renovated (Lincoln Hall, Foellinger Auditorium, Smith Music Hall, Parker Hall, Memorial Stadium, Student Union, City Building). She asked the Committee to think about the historical significance of Central High School and its importance to the people of Champaign-Urbana. She would like the Committee to seriously consider renovating Central High School.

Charles Schultz –

<http://facilityplanning.champaignschools.org/sites/planning/files/correspondence%20from%20Charles%20Schultz%20-%20June%208%202016.pdf>

Anne Shinall – echoed the comments of Prudence Runkle and Charles Schultz. She is championing for option B1 for Central to keep the existing building for architectural and educational purposes. Renovations and upgrades can be made. She is in support of phasing and does not feel the need to provide for larger population. Classes should be a suitable size and have technology upgrades. She is in support of a field house on grounds. The building footprint should be as small as possible.

Mark Middleton –

<http://facilityplanning.champaignschools.org/sites/planning/files/M.%20Middleton%206.10.16.pdf>

Communications/Correspondence

All communications and correspondence can be found on the Tier Two Facilities website:

<http://facilityplanning.champaignschools.org/community>

Renovations: What Does This Really Mean?

The link to the presentation is:

<http://facilityplanning.champaignschools.org/sites/planning/files/6.9.16%20Tier%20Two%20Presentation.pdf>

Summary and Recommendations for Unit 4 Facilities Plan

The link to the document is:

http://facilityplanning.champaignschools.org/sites/planning/files/TierTwo-Final%20Report%20-%20Final_Web.pdf

This document will continue to be updated as the discussion continues. Please give suggestions to Steve Carter, Judy Wiegand or Stephanie Stuart. Fine tuning may be needed.

Funding Priorities for Facility Recommendations

Construction Managers went through options and the thinking that went into each group.

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Renovation vs. Building New at Central

- Will be savings with renovation and a better option when it comes to passing a referendum
- Image and appearance of the existing building is desirable and fits better for the community
- Modernize the current Central
- In favor of renovation
- Beautiful building and a gorgeous part of the community
- Diversity on the job site is important
- Would have liked to seen a new school - worried about phasing for fear it will not happen
- Feels pushed into renovation by the community because of the referendum
- Comfortable with renovation because of what the architects can do
- In favor of renovation and modernization if it benefits students
- Could lean towards a new building
- Renovation feels like the right thing to do for Central - feels like we are coming up with a higher quality product
- Newer is not always better
- Some community members are not able to organize and be as vocal
- Equity - listen to voices that are not always heard
- Need to provide a top notch facility no matter what decision is made
- Decision needs to be made as to what is best for the community
- The Tier Two Facilities Committee is not controlled by Keep Central Central
- How do we avoid the building being piece milled?
 - Think about circulation of building and logically for growth
- Can we have dollars in square footage?
 - Yes

Thoughts and Comments from Committee Members

- International Prep Academy should be high on the priority list because of capacity at the middle schools
- Economic development demands high quality schools and we have catching up to do
- Capacity at the middle level is an issue
- Dr. Howard has a lot of health life safety issues
- Dr. Howard and South Side should be replaced

Town Hall Meetings are scheduled on June 23rd at Central High School at 6:00 p.m. and July 14th at Centennial High School at 6:00 p.m. The District will be conducting a community survey over the summer.

Tier Two Facilities Committee members will be notified when facilities will be discussed at Board Meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.