

**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
March 10, 2016, 7:00 p.m.**

Committee Members Present

Sam Banks, Laura Berg, Steve Carter, Troy Deen, Brad Diel, Paul Faraci, Craig Hays, Chris Kloepfel, Will Kyles, Tim McMahon, Luz Murillo, Alan Nudo, Kathy Richards (for Amy Armstrong), Craig Rost, R. Dee Shonkwiler, Laura Weis, Jewell White

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Responses to Questions from the February 29, 2016 Meeting

Tom Lockman reviewed questions/answers from the meeting on February 29, 2016.

<http://facilityplanning.champaignschools.org/sites/planning/files/2%2029%2016%20Questions%20-%20responses.pdf>

Communications and Correspondence from Public

Tom Lockman, Chief Financial and Legal Officer and Pat Fitzgerald, Attorney addressed correspondence received from the public. Bruce Knight's presentation addressed many of the questions.

Tom Lockman talked about ways to get Health Life Safety funds. How is this money allocated?

See link: <http://www.champaignschools.org/sites/default/files/Ten-Year%20Safety%20Survey%20Report%20for%20Champaign%20Unit%204%20School%20District.pdf>

City of Champaign – Property Suitable for School Sites

Bruce Knight, Planning & Development Director from the City of Champaign spoke about possible school sites. The link to his presentation is:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tCBXsAWuLcurgqDrRQc3mfvWrl1J41QWjtU-isQm9Bk/edit#slide=id.p3>

Village of Savoy – Property Suitable for School Sites

R. Dee Shonkwiler provided a map of property in the Village of Savoy.

School District Property

Tom Lockman provided a map that listed all District owned property.

Discussion and Questions

Thoughts and Comments from Committee Members:

- Consent Decree and Settlement Agreement – A school in the south puts a large portion of the District's student population at a disadvantage and does not honor the Consent Decree.
- Consider a third High School or possibly a middle school in the Village of Savoy in the future.
- Concern that relocation costs could be high with some sites.
- How do sites compare to the existing Central site?
- Emotional and cultural costs to a community.
- Committee Members are not in favor of using eminent domain.
- Investigate South Side/Mellon and County Fair sites further.
- Don't move a school when it is already so close (Spalding site).

- What can be done at Edison to make it a viable middle school?
- How can Spalding be used?
- Have shared athletic facilities.
- Dr. Howard will need to be part of the discussion
- What are the requirement needs for a school to stay relevant?
- Bristol site – City already has plans for Bristol.
- Interested in hearing about potential partnerships.
- Should be a curriculum driven layout.
- Kids should be on buses less time.
- Coordination with the City and the Park District is important.
- How does a high school change the dynamic of a neighborhood?
- Build up or out?
- What are the pros and cons of a large school versus a small school? Deputy Superintendent will speak to this at a future meeting.
- Consider historical values of properties around the current Central High School.
- Demolish Dr. Howard - keep a portion of the building for historical purposes.
- Other property around the current Central High School could become available in the future.
- Interested in infill sites - avoid sprawl.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.