

The Board of School Trustees of Madison Consolidated Schools conducted a Work Session on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 2421 Wilson Avenue, Madison, Indiana.

The following attended the Work Session:

Dr. Ginger Studebaker-Bolinger	Mrs. Joyce Imel
Dr. Katie Jenner	Mr. Carl Glesing
Mrs. Bonnie Hensler	Mrs. Lee Ann Imel
Mr. Mike Frazier	Mrs. Linda laCour
Mrs. Angie Vaughn	Mr. Rob Kring

Mrs. J. Imel welcomed everyone to the Work Session. She explained work sessions are for discussion and no action can be taken at the work session.

Mrs. J. Imel said the facilities and Madison Consolidated High School and E.O. Muncie Elementary School are deteriorating. She said the purpose of the Work Session was to discuss options at the two schools.

## **DISCUSSION INFORMATION**

### **FACILITIES**

#### **Madison Consolidated High School**

Mrs. J. Imel said we currently have a two million dollar bond for the High School. She said the following projects would be completed with the bond:

- Handicapped restrooms by the office
- Secure entrances
- Demolition of B & E wing

Mrs. J. Imel said the infrastructure is awful at the high school. She said it would cost approximately \$17,110,000 to correct the infrastructure.

Mr. Kring asked what the two million dollar bond covers? Mr. Frazier said demolish B & E wing, move media center to old small gym area, secure entry way, two ADA handicapped bathrooms, gender bathroom and a new parking area with a circle drive.

Mrs. J. Imel said while at an event at the Auditorium water was gushing in the inside wall.

Mrs. J. Imel said the auditorium needs a lot of work. She said the need for a dressing room, curtains and sound system need to be addressed.

Mrs. J. Imel said miscellaneous items at the high school include:

Item 1: Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing upgrades	\$17,110,000
Item 2: New roof on sections of the school that have not had a recent roof replacement	\$350,200
Item 3: Locker room addition and renovation, new addition off back of gym will include new ADA	\$2,193,750

Mrs. J. Imel said the infrastructure is critical.

Mr. Frazier said if any major construction happens sprinkler systems have to be included as we are grandfathered in at this time.

Mr. Frazier said work is being done to stop the leakage in the auditorium.

Mr. Glesing said we have let things go far too long. He said the community has stated we haven't maintained the facilities. He said that is the past and we must move forward. Mr. Glesing said things wear out. He said the only way is a referendum. He said we can't repair in sections. Mr. Glesing said we are getting to a point where we can't maintain the high school. He said the EPA would be testing water for lead. Dr. Stuebaker-Bolinger said the water was tested and we are currently in compliance. Mrs. laCour said we need a plan to tackle the problems. Mr. Frazier said more water testing would be coming from the State.

Mrs. L. Imel said the high school isn't moving anywhere. She said we need a plan and agreed with Mr. Glesing regarding the need for another referendum.

Mr. Kring said he is concerned about safety issues. He said the wiring is a mess. Mr. Frazier said the whole building needs rewiring.

Mrs. J. Imel said we have options for the elementary schools but can't buy land for the high school. She asked what would we do with the existing fields.

Mrs. laCour said if all miscellaneous items were completed it would cost approximately \$19,653,950. Mrs. L. Imel said this doesn't include anything for the auditorium or technology. Mrs. J. Imel suggested using Capital Project funds to do items 1 & 2.

Mrs. J. Imel said we need answers for students in theatre. Mr. Glesing said the auditorium situation is deplorable. He said Fine Arts has a big bearing on our students.

Mr. Glesing said to hold a referendum at a minimum.

Mrs. Hensler explained technology, insurance, utilities, equipment and maintenance vehicles come from Capital Project dollars. She said we lose \$400,000 from the circuit breaker.

Mr. Glesing said we have been putting band aids on things. He said seven HVAC units failed at the high school last year.

Mr. Glesing said our school tax rate is very low. He said it is lower than Southwestern's. He said a referendum wouldn't take us to the rate at Southwestern.

Mr. Kring asked why technology comes from Capital Projects. Dr. Stuebaker-Bolinger said it could come out of General Fund.

Dr. Stuebaker-Bolinger reminded the Board at the high school we have to stay within the scope of the project and can't skirt around the bond issue.

Dr. Stuebaker-Bolinger reviewed the timeline on the high school project. Mr. Frazier said the pre-bid meeting had occurred.

Mrs. J. Imel said the board didn't want to entertain the idea of a referendum. She said the legislation will be giving a tax break to large land owners.

Mrs. J. Imel said however the language on the ballot will state "Are you willing to support a referendum which will raise taxes?"

Mrs. J. Imel said we have to save the high school building. She said we have to think of the safety of our students.

Mr. Glesing said the keep the referendum to a bare minimum.

Mr. Kring asked about the auditorium? Mr. Frazier said a building may be built off the auditorium for dressing rooms, sets and storage. Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger reminded the Board nothing can be done until the completion of the current project.

Mrs. J. Imel asked the Board if they would support a referendum:

- Mr. Kring said he didn't see any other way and to keep at a minimum. He said to use Capital Projects funds.
- Mrs. laCour said she had no answers but doesn't want a referendum.
- Mrs. L. Imel said we have no other option.
- Mr. Glesing said we need to ask the community to support a referendum. He said it has to be done and if it fails we will have to patch the best we can.

A discussion ensued regarding a remonstrance. Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger stated she would send the Board remonstrance information and deadlines for a referendum.

Mrs. laCour asked if six months was enough time to get a referendum passed? Mr. Kring said we need to wait. Mrs. J. Imel stated concerns with the time as well. Mrs. L. Imel asked can we wait. Mr. Glesing reminded the Board there is no election next year.

Mrs. Hensler reminded the Board the money in the Capital Projects Fund is misleading as with the circuit breaker loss and the following coming from CPF: contracted services, insurance, utilities and technology leaves approximately 1,000,000 in Capital Projects

Mr. Kring asked what is technology? Mrs. Hensler said hardware, software, Five Star and routers.

Mr. Kring asked about the Rainy Day Fund? Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said the 1.3 million dollars transferred to the Rainy Day Fund was occurrence.

Mrs. J. Imel said the Approval of the Referendum needs to be on the May agenda.

### Elementary Schools

Mrs. J. Imel said there are issues with E.O. Muncie Elementary School.

Mrs. laCour said she and Mrs. J. Imel spent time with the E.O. Muncie Principal and Assistant Principal to discuss needs and desires. Mrs. laCour said she was upset that no one had talked to them. She said they had good ideas. Mrs. laCour said she wished they and the teachers had been talked to. Mrs. J. Imel said she met with Mr. Brad Noe, nomi Architect, about the suggestion of demolishing A & B wing, building a new structure in the back, move kindergarten to C wing, move 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to C wing and build new for grades 1-4 and a new media center and cafeteria. Mrs. J. Imel said Mr. Noe stated the site at E.O. Muncie isn't as conducive for a new structure as Anderson is. Mrs. J. Imel said if the 5<sup>th</sup> grade is moved to the Junior High in the future construction costs would be less for a k-4 school.

Mrs. laCour said it would be ideal if preschool was in each elementary building. Mrs. J. Imel said with preschool at a central location resources can be shared. She said she sees the benefits of the preschool being housed in all buildings.

Mr. Glesing asked if we can have two referendums for different buildings at the same time. He said to let the public speak.

Mr. Glesing said he disagrees with Mr. Noe regarding the land at Anderson vs. E.O. Muncie. He said traffic, location, limited access by road, and parking are issues at Anderson.

Mr. Glesing said he doesn't want to spend money at Anderson. He said the preschool needs to move from Anderson. Suggestions were:

- House at E.O. Muncie
- House at Junior High

Mr. Glesing said we don't need to maintain a separate building for preschool. He said the preschool is growing.

Mr. Glesing said he was for renovation/rebuilding part of E.O. Muncie. He said tear down A & B wing, keep C wing, a new cafeteria and renovate the gym. He said the E.O. Muncie gym is in decent shape. Mr. Glesing said there is no room for seating at Anderson.

Mrs. laCour said she doesn't want the students at E.O. Muncie split up.

She said she would like to hear from Mrs. Tara McKay, MCEDC Coordinator, regarding moving the preschool to the Junior High. Mr. Kring asked if it wouldn't be more expensive to house preschool at each school. He said he understands the concept. Mr. Glesing said we are required to provide special education services to preschool students. He said the students are currently mixed. Dr. Stuebaker-Bolinger said we have special education teachers in every building. She said research shows the fewer transitions for students the better. Mr. Kring said he likes the idea of having the students together in one spot. Mrs. laCour said preschool issues need to be discussed with Mrs. McKay. Dr. Stuebaker-Bolinger said if the 5<sup>th</sup> graders were moved to the Junior High it would free up rooms in the elementary schools.

Mr. Kring asked about the cameras and security bond? Mr. Frazier said cameras would be in the entire buildings and outside as well.

Mr. Frazier said the following would be completed through the bond:

- Cameras inside and outside of buildings
- Exterior lighting for all buildings
- Sealing and striping parking lots
- Stop bars on parking lots
- Yellow lines in parking lot
- Crack sealing
- Patching
- All buildings are included in this bond except the high school
- New exit from Junior High parking
- Reconfigure entrance to Rykers' Ridge office
- New doorways at E.O. Muncie and Lydia Middleton
- Reconfigure Deputy
- Lighting for the Corporation

Mr. Frazier said he has been meeting with contractors and Duke Energy regarding LED lights. He said we would use the existing poles.

Mr. Kring said we need to move away from Anderson.

Mr. Kring suggested moving the E.O. Muncie office to the southwest corner of the building and not include this in the referendum. Mrs. J. Imel asked if that area would be large enough.

Mrs. J. Imel said Mr. Noe was unavailable until June to work on new drawings as he has other commitments. Mr. Glesing said the staff at E.O. Muncie needs to be involved in a final design. He said the issue is a referendum.

Dr. Stuebaker-Bolinger said there are currently 530 students at E.O. Muncie.

Mrs. L. Imel said it would cost \$14,500,000 to build a new building and \$13,400,000 to renovate. Mrs. J. Imel asked if we should plan on 600 students. Mr. Glesing said we should look at the long range plan as the community will grow. He said the birth rate is up.

Mrs. L. Imel said she would like to hear from the community before next week to see if they would support a referendum. She asked if a survey could be sent. She asked if pictures and figures could be added to the survey.

Mrs. J. Imel asked what would happen to the students while the building was under construction?

Dr. Stuebaker-Bolinger said the discussed documents were prepared at the Boards request. She said the consultants didn't talk to the Administrators or staff on this project as that wasn't part of the request or in the scope of their work.

Dr. Stuebaker-Bolinger suggested planning on 500 students. Mrs. laCour said if the 5<sup>th</sup> grade was moved to the Junior High this would change the numbers. Mrs. L. Imel said parents won't support the referendum if 5<sup>th</sup> graders are moved to the Junior High.

Mr. Kring asked Mr. Frazier about information regarding building improvements at E.O. Muncie that were presented at the December 2014 board meeting. He asked about the cost of water fountains being \$20,000. Mr. Frazier said those numbers were no longer feasible. He said the replacement of the water fountains will be huge. He said he needs direction from the board regarding E.O. Muncie. He said E.O. Muncie needs a new HVAC unit. He said the roof won't support the unit. Mr. Glesing said if E.O. Muncie is re-done it will be energy efficient.

Mrs. J. Imel asked if we can run two referendums. She said the high school is critical. Mrs. J. Imel said if the referendums are combined it will be approximately \$31,000,000.

Mrs. J. Imel suggested moving the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade to the high school and making the Junior High a K-6 building. She said this is something she wouldn't want to do. Dr. Stuebaker-Bolinger said classrooms could be added at the high school to accommodate the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Mrs. J. Imel said we must have functioning facilities. She said E. O. Muncie is deplorable.

Mrs. J. Imel said the board had to be creative.

Mrs. L. Imel said the difference in this bond will be no new gym or auditorium at the high school.

Dr. Stuebaker-Bolinger said the final cost would be more than \$31,000,000.

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Mr. Kring**

- Wants nothing at Anderson Elementary School
- The high school is in need of serious repair
- Referendum is the only option
- Not in favor of referendum on November ballot as six months is not enough time
- Spend Capital Project dollars

Mrs. laCour

- Keep E.O. Muncie students together
- Encouraged everyone to take survey
- Need more time to explain
- Would cost \$100,000 in non-election year; maybe in the long run would re-coup
- Parents are the best sales people
- How much would Anderson Elementary sell for (Mr. Frazier said he wasn't sure, has been approached to sell E.O. Muncie but not Anderson)

Mrs. L. Imel

- Agrees with Mr. Kring
- Done with Anderson (Fine to keep preschool)
- Doesn't want to move 5<sup>th</sup> grade or split E.O. Muncie students
- Referendum – torn on waiting two years
- Survey questions (Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger will send to the Board before sending out)
- Parents need to work together as the Board can't work on the referendum
- Can get this done; has faith in the community

Mr. Glesing

- We wouldn't be doing our duty if we didn't ask parents
- Keep location at E.O. Muncie
- Don't spend money at Anderson; get preschool out
- Have to move forward
- Low tax rate compared to others
- Have paid off debt
- Will impact taxes
- Ask the public to support a \$30,000,000 bond
- Asking for bare minimum

Mrs. J. Imel

- Very concerned with the amount of time
- Need certain costs
- Sees the need

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. J. Imel adjourned the Work Session.

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Secretary  
BY: ps

ATTEST:

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