

The Board of School Trustees of Madison Consolidated Schools conducted a Work Session on Thursday, April 4, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building, 2421 Wilson Avenue, Madison, Indiana.

The following attended the Work Session:

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| Dr. Ginger Studebaker-Bolinger   | Mrs. Joyce Imel     |
| Mr. Michael Robinson             | Mrs. Lisa Cutshall  |
| Mr. Todd Bass                    | Mr. Kevin Yancey    |
| Mr. Carl Glesing                 | Ms. Jill Deputy     |
| Mrs. Linda laCour                | Mrs. Kristy Adams   |
| Mrs. Lee Ann Imel                | Mr. Steve Dickerson |
| Mr. David Liberatore, BBH Design |                     |

Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger welcomed everyone to the Work Session.

## **DISCUSSION INFORMATION**

### **FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said requests for proposals had been sent regarding a feasibility study for Madison Consolidated Schools. Mr. Robinson said six firms had been contacted. He said four had been to visit. Mr. Robinson said each firm would present at the Board Meeting on April 10. Mr. Robinson said there is no set plan at this time. Mr. Bass said he doesn't want the feasibility study limited to one building. He said a new building is an option and not just at the High School but the entire corporation. Mrs. laCour said the Board must be good stewards of the public's money. Mr. Bass said there has been no upkeep on the facilities. Mrs. laCour said our school system patched without clear purposes. Mr. Bass said we put band-aids on problems; maintaining low tax rates and now have to have a referendum to get things done. Mrs. Joyce Imel said there have been large band-aids at various schools. Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said by 2021 our corporation will have no debt. Mrs. Lee Ann Imel said it may be hard to convince the community because we have closed two schools. She said we need to make sure this is being done for educational reasons. Mr. Glesing said we need to think about technology in the future. We said we can spend money to repair but no what matter what is done it won't function today. Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said there is a need to utilize space; we don't need a lab for every classroom, look at the library, look at the technology piece, a virtual learning setting and how do we make it a community building. Mrs. Kristy Adams, parent, said we need to stress the feasibility study is for the entire corporation and look at the entire picture. Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said the closing of the two schools was due to staffing. Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said the buildings aren't up to code and aren't ADA compliant. Mr. Robinson said consolidation is needed. He said this would serve students better. Mr. Bass said we need to provide usable learning spaces. Mrs. Cutshall said big, flexible spaces are needed that can be changed with us. She said the buildings aren't designed for wireless. Mrs. Cutshall said the buildings need to be flexible and technology friendly. Mrs. Cutshall said a portion of students will attend school on the eLearning days scheduled for next school year. Mrs. Joyce Imel said we have to show the community how new buildings will better serve the students. Mr. Bass asked if we continue to maintain old buildings? Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said we have the academic piece but need the facility piece. Mr. Glesing said the outside of the buildings look good but the public doesn't see the electrical, plumbing or sewage parts. Mr. Bass said you can't go to a single place at the high school to shut off the electricity. Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said since she has been at MCS at the high school there has been an electrical fire and sewage breaks. She said the high school building has served the community well. Mr. Robinson said he would like a facility usable by the public and maintain the safety of the students.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. laCour moved the Work Session be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Glesing, the Board voted, 5-0, and the Work Session was adjourned.

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