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**Keller Independent School District
The Education Center, 350 Keller Parkway, Keller, Texas
Board of School
Trustees**

**Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 2015**

Attendance: Len Avecilla, Karina Davis, Ruthie Keys, Craig Allen, Susan Smith, Jennifer Upton, Colleen Demel, Jim Stitt, Kristen Eriksen, Brad Tyler, Matt Strong, Matt Mucker, Casey Stone, Billy Kidd, Joe Griffin, Hudson Huff, Beverly Dixon and David Gerda; Karin Mahlenkamp

Mr. Allen called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Mr. Kidd started the meeting off by welcoming everyone. He then went on to review the CM@ Risk process. He advised the committee that five groups submitted and then the qualifications review committee went on to choose 3 to interview. The three firms were Steele-Freeman, Buford Thompson and Satterfield & Pontikes. Mr. Kidd then reviewed the results of the interviews with the committee. He noted that Steele Freeman scored the highest due in large part to their past performance with the District.

Mr. Kidd then went on to introduce key members of the Huckabee team. Mr. Tim McClure, Mr. Paul Thompson and Mr. Lee Osborne. Mr. Thompson spoke about his firm's experience, noting that they have been in the business of building schools in Texas for over 48 years. He added that he has been meeting weekly with District staff to determine the needs of the new school projects. Mr. Thompson explained the process of reviewing 8 elementary schools they had previously designed and they narrowed it down to one proposed design. Several administrators went with Mr. Thompson to see the proposed campus. They were able to speak with the principal and staff to discuss their experience in this school and receive feedback as to if any changes would be beneficial after being in the school for over a year.

Mr. Osborne showed slides of the current site and proposed floor plan for the Elementary School. One item he mentioned as an important change was the multiple drop off points for both buses and parents. Mr. Mucker asked about fencing for this complex. Mr. Osborne said nothing has been decided as yet, but they would check with the City to see what was required.

The Architectural team then reviewed the Early Learning Center Project to be located behind Chisholm Trail Intermediate. They explained the process of evaluating the various site options and reviewed why Chisholm Trail Intermediate School's site was chosen. Mr. Allen asked if there was an opportunity for the District to space the parking drive area out over the surrounding land. Mr. Osborne stated the land located next to the District's property is owned by the City of Fort Worth.

Mr. Gerda asked about planned traffic patterns at the school and how traffic and parking scenarios for school events would impact the Intermediate School campus. Mr. Huff stated the administration will be looking to modify existing plans to offset start and pickup times. Mr. Allen asked what the enrollment would be. Ms. Mahlenkamp said the enrollment would be approximately up to 350 students for each half-day session. Mr. Huff explained the Administration would be evaluating attendance areas, but also stated it may be program driven. He said the attendance scenarios have not been formalized yet. He added that with the opening of the second ELC the Administration hoped the additional program space would allow greater flexibility to accommodate District program needs.

Mr. Osborne reviewed the floor plan for the Early Learning Center with the committee. He added that they planned on using an engineered framed structure. There will be 26 classrooms with additional flex space. The Library was shown to be in a central location for easy access by all on campus. There will also be a music and speech room, life skills rooms, and a cafeteria with a stage. Mr. Osborne then asked Ms. Mahlenkamp, the Director of our Early Childhood programs to speak to the committee. Ms. Mahlenkamp noted that a few of the classrooms in the current ELC have rotating walls, but this does not allow for true collaboration. The new building will have more flex space, which the administration feels is important. She also discussed with the committee the number of meetings they have had with the design team and teachers, and parents to see what they wanted in the new design.

Mr. Allen asked if the new ELC will be one story. Mr. Thompson said it would and they would also work with the City of Fort Worth to make the school blend in with the neighborhood. Mr. Avecilla asked if this plan would meet all code requirements and District standards. Mr. Thompson said the design will meet all current codes and specs.

Mr. Thompson then handed out packages detailing the new elementary school and Early Learning Center. Mr. Mucker asked what the schedules would be for the projects. Mr. Huff stated they planned to start construction in August of this year. Mr. Avecilla asked how long has this design plan been used for the Elementary design. Mr. Osborne said they had made three schools similar to this design.

Mr. Huff then went on to speak about the costs of the CTE center and Indian Springs Middle School project. Mr. Huff told the committee the project had bid in the last several weeks and was initially over budget. He said the contractor and design team have been meeting over the last week and have been able to identify changes that will bring the cost of the project under the project's construction budget. Mr. Mucker asked what types of changes were made. Mr. Huff said changing the lighting fixture package allowed them to save significant costs as one example. He added that they were re-evaluating materials only, not making any changes that might compromise the overall project intent.

Mr. Griffin, the Chief Technology Officer, then made his presentation. He handed out an information packet to the committee members. He told the committee about the classroom projector changes they were able to make over spring break with the Bond funds. He spoke about his desire to have internet access in every classroom. He added that he was working with Cisco and Sygma to provide service for the District. Mr. Griffin said that they would be able to provide facilitators to help teach how to use the new equipment.

Mr. Griffin told the committee that \$7.2 million was the amount set aside from Bond funds for Technology. He added the committee reviewed this plan, he would be taking it before the Board on Thursday night. He also added that his team would be working strategically to cover the greatest needs first. Mr. Griffin stated his project timeline was from Summer 2015 to Summer 2016. Mr. Mucker asked if there were any high performance guarantees. Mr. Griffin turned this question over to Andrew Wilson. Mr. Wilson stated that this was the responsibility of the vendor, and the District would be doing our own testing and tuning verifications. Mr. Griffin added that the proposed vendor would be providing training at the CTE center to help students and teachers with the new technology.

Mr. Huff advised the committee that the next meeting would be the week of May 10th, either on the 12th or the 14th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.