



KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The community of Keller ISD will educate our students to achieve their highest standards of performance by engaging them in exceptional opportunities.

The Education Center, 350 Keller Parkway, Keller, Texas Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Meeting January 12, 2017

Present: Hudson Huff, Billy Kidd, Rachel Epperson, Brad Tyler, Jim Stitt, Karina Davis, David Gerda, Jennifer Upton, Colleen Demel, Beverly Dixon, Joe Griffin and Kristen Eriksen

The meeting began at 6:35 pm. Mr. Kidd started the meeting by welcoming the committee and talking briefly about things that have occurred throughout the world since we last met, including Keller ISD opening three new campuses.

Mr. Kidd then introduced Rachel Epperson who spoke about the projects she was working on. She started with Keller High School's renovations and additions projects. Ms. Epperson showed a power point presentation of before and after shots of the additions and renovated areas of Keller High School including the new band hall and science classrooms. She explained that the lecture hall was also remodeled because the band temporarily used it and improvements were made to restore it back to its' lecture hall function.

Ms. Epperson then moved on to speak about the renovations at Hillwood Middle School and Parkwood Hill Intermediate School, showing old and new photos and explaining what was accomplished. At Hillwood Middle School, Ms. Epperson noted that everything has been completed except the contractor is still waiting on the delivery of lab tables and preparation sinks.

The next project Ms. Epperson spoke about was the new Sunset Valley Elementary School. She noted that despite just over 100 days of bad weather, the school was able to open on time. She also noted that an upstairs storage room is being converted into a staff restroom.

For the Bear Creek Intermediate Project, Ms. Epperson showed more slides and noted that the traffic flow was much better with their new designs. She also showed pictures of the new Early Learning Center; the new front entries at Chisholm Trail Intermediate and Trinity Meadows Intermediate.

The last project Ms. Epperson spoke about was the new Thompson Road Middle School. She showed photos of the progress of this project.

She then asked if there were any questions. A question was asked about the traffic flow at the Early Learning Center South campus and Chisholm Trail Intermediate School. Ms. Epperson replied that some people are still having a difficult time finding the Early Learning Center South campus but otherwise things have been good. Mr. Stitt stated he had been out there several

times and flowed smoothly in that area.

The next question asked was where the portables from Keller High School were moved to. Mr. Huff replied that they were moved to the District Business Operations facility and were being used for storage. Mr. Stitt asked if we owned or leased them. Mr. Huff replied that we own them. Mr. Allen asked how many portables we had at our Facility offices and Mr. Huff replied we had six, three were being used for offices and three were being used for storage.

The next question asked was how many students are at Sunset Valley. Ms. Eriksen replied currently there were 364 students. Mr. Allen asked if we were expecting growth in that area. Mr. Huff replied they were expecting some growth, but to remember that the 5th and 6th grades which were at that school temporarily would be moving to the new Thompson Road Middle School when it opens and then the numbers may temporarily go down but the numbers should continue to rise from there.

A question was raised about how Sunset Valley was using their space. Ms. Eriksen replied they are using all but three classrooms, two are upstairs and one is downstairs. She noted she has been successful so far at keeping the fifth and sixth graders away from the younger students by adjusting schedules. Ms. Eriksen also noted they acquired 6 – 10 new students after the Winter break.

Mr. Huff was asked about the status of Thompson Road. He noted that the roadway is expected to open soon as TXDOT has all utility and storm drains in as well as the road base so all they need to do is pour the concrete. He added this is something the District does not have any control over but that TXDOT is progressing nicely.

Ms. Epperson was asked about the status of the new Thompson Road Middle School. She said the goal was for all the exterior building work to be completed by the end of March.

Mr. Kidd then spoke about the new secure entry vestibules at Keller Middle School and Fossil Ridge High School. He showed photos of the old and new spaces.

KCAL was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Kidd showed several photos of the new spaces and noted they were still working on the landscaping. He added that as of August 2016 the following sections were opened: media arts, radio, cosmetology, graphic arts, photography, architecture and construction and auto tech. He also showed photos of the main entry off Bursey Road and the grand staircase. He added they were 95% complete on the first floor and about 15% complete on the second floor. Mr. Kidd said the sod would be laid next week, depending on the weather conditions.

Mr. Kidd then spoke about the renovations at Indian Springs Middle School. He noted this renovation started in the summer of 2016 and it involved renovating the band hall, adding an ensemble room, new art room space, new gifted and talented space, new choir room, and changing a storage room into the weight room. Mr. Kidd also told the committee that they resurfaced the gym floors to add their school colors.

Mr. Huff asked Mr. Griffin to speak about the technology in the new buildings. Mr. Griffin spoke about all the technology that was involved in the buildings and that they were still working on some of it. He also noted that since Sunset Valley Elementary school was built with extra strong

walls they were having a difficult time with cell phone signals. Mr. Griffin also advised the committee that technology specialists from Northwest ISD also helped to get our technology up and running for the school year. Mr. Griffin added that his department had completed all of the wireless updates this past summer. They also ended their contract with Dell and set up an in house "Genius Bar" to assist District staff with their computer problems.

Mr. Gerda asked about a problem with the fire strobe lights at Bear Creek Intermediate. Ms. Epperson explained that she has worked with Buford Thompson to remedy that issue. They had to replace half of the strobe lights to correct the system. Mr. Huff added that a lightning strike caused the strobes to blink at different times and not be in sync.

Mr. Kidd then moved on to speak about the Project Close outs and Change Orders. Mr. Kidd advised the committee that there were six projects that would be closed out this month, even though they still had a few pending warranty issues. He then reviewed the funds on Elementary No. 23, the new Early Learning Center South campus, the additions at Parkwood Hill Intermediate and Hillwood Middle School, the secure entry vestibules at Trinity Meadows, Chisholm Trail, and Fossil Ridge High School. Mr. Kidd noted they had over one million dollars left over from these projects. Ms. Dixon asked if they waited until all projects were completed to spend this money. Mr. Huff replied they will be close to two million under budget for all projects and these funds are not spent until needed. He added that he felt really good with the state of the projects and the remaining funds. Ms. Upton noted that was a very good position to be in considering all of the projects the District had. Mr. Gerda added that most other school Districts did not do as well with their construction costs. Mr. Stitt asked what it cost Keller to open a school ten years ago. Mr. Huff replied it was a little over eight to ten million dollars to open a new elementary school. Mrs. Davis asked if all of the schools now had secure entry vestibules and Mr. Huff replied that we do.

Mr. Huff then spoke about the Change Order for the new middle school which needed to go before the Board at their meeting on the 19th of January. The first item on the change order was to transfer funds which were received from the Developer, to Steele Freeman, who moved over 100 000 yards of dirt from the construction site to the adjacent property. Our contract with the Developer was that they would pay for this cost of \$ 116,655.00. The second item on the Change Order is for the light fixtures on the new road. The contract with the Developer states that we pay forty-eight percent of the costs of the base scope of lighting that the City of Fort Worth requires, if the Developer wants to put in something nicer, they have to pay the difference in costs. This results in the Developer having to put in a Change order to Steele Freeman to increase the costs of the upgraded lights.

The next item on the agenda refers to the Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment purchasing progress. Mr. Huff noted the Bond program team has been working closely with Ms. Tudor from Purchasing and Ms. Shepherd at KCAL and the District is in the process of purchasing all necessary equipment for the campus.

Ms. Davis asked when the next meeting would be, suggesting that it not be scheduled the week after spring break as several of the Board members would be at a National School Board conference. Mr. Huff then suggested that the District hold our next meeting at KCAL, and that meeting would be in March.