

Work Session  
October 18, 2017  
Stinesville Elementary

Attendance: Dr. Wilcox, Dr. Sanders, Mr. Thrasher, Mr. Kerr, Mrs. Merry, Mr. Wright, Mr. Durnil, Christine from Ferguson Law, Mr. Link.

Consultants: Dr. Halik

At 6:30 P.M. Dr. Durnil called the meeting to order and lead the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Durnil started by saying this was a work session to discuss options, but no final decisions would be made tonight. He turned the meeting over to Dr. Wilcox.

Dr. Wilcox presented a power point. The topics he covered were:

- A. Formed a 32- member Broad – Based Study committee that included parents, patrons, and administrators representing the school district.
- B. Instruction (Equality, Facilities, Performance) . Brand (What do people think and/or say about you). Appearance of buildings, Needs vs. Wants and Absolutes ( HVAC, Roofs, Spaces)
- C. Focused on ‘instruction’ not construction. Process is as important as the outcome. Purpose of the committee was to process, Focus, and develop options (not recommendations) to be considered by the board of school trustees.
- D. Committee members were strongly encouraged to serve the community as a ‘Think Tank’. To brainstorm ways to improve facilities as they related to instruction. All ideas were encouraged regardless of their popularity or political correctness.
- E. The Long Range Planning Committee met on the following dates: June 1<sup>st</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>, and June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- F. **ABSOLUTES: Edgewood Early Childhood Center** – If this facility remains as the EECC or utilized as the Central Administration Office these things would need to be updated - heating and ventilation and air conditioning, New Roofing on the building, security (indoor and outdoor) . **Edgewood Primary school:** Parking lot traffic pattern (restructure parking and pick-up/drop-off), sidewalks, new public address system in the gymnasium, playground improvements, security (indoor and outdoor). **Intermediate School:** Parking lot traffic pattern, (Restructure parking and pick-up/drop-off), sidewalks, playground improvements, fire panel repair or replacement, security (Indoor and Outdoor). **Stinesville:** HVAC, security (Indoor and Outdoor), ADA Compliant, updated classrooms, the Long-term viability. **JR. High School:** Cafeteria is too small, security (Indoor and Outdoor) sidewalks (connecting the campuses), canopy and front entrance pillars need replaced, updated, or repaired. **High School:** HVAC in the gymnasium, auxiliary gymnasium, swimming pool deck tiling, ultraviolet lighting to kill bacteria, and hidden infrastructure, main entryway walls and space, security (Indoor and Outdoor), greenhouse, replace original gymnasium floor, athletic sports complex upgrades.
- G. The idea of ‘One Campus-One mission’ became a viable option that the committee believed that the school board should give careful consideration.
- H. The committee realized that the idea of ‘one campus-one mission’ would necessitate the closing of Stinesville Elementary School.

- I. The school board met in the public work sessions on the following dates: July 26<sup>th</sup>, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 30<sup>th</sup>, and September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- J. The school board focused on the following topics during the work sessions: Long Range Planning Committee's summary report. Important of staying tax neutral and fiscally responsible. Timeline of generating funding through the elimination of debt and the selling of bonds. Consideration of options presented by the architect. Extensive discussion on option of closing Stinesville Elementary School.
- K. If SES students were to attend EIS and EPS, how would class sizes be effected? A range of +.3 to -1.4
- L. Will the needs of my special education student be met at EIS and EPS? Special education students have an individualized education plan (IEP) that follow each student to whatever school they may attend. Accommodations that are outlined in the IEP of each SES student will be provided at EIS and EPS.
- M. How long has SES been non-compliant with regard to ADA? School corp. continually monitor ADA requirements and bring schools to compliancy during major renovation projects. In order to gain approval from the DLGF for major renovation projects, school corporations must prove that the school has solid enrollment numbers and strong evidence of sustainability for the future.
- N. Is there a deadline for ADA compliance? The deadline for ADA compliance is the next period of a major renovation project for a school corporation.
- O. What has been done at SES to increase enrollment? Redistricting, Added programs (Latchkey and Head Start), Marketing.
- P. Why does phases one of the proposed renovation project seem to have a significant focus on outdoor facilities? The last three major renovation projects did not address outdoor facilities. The Long-Range Planning committee presented the upgrade of outdoor facilities as an option to the board of trustees. A topic of lengthy discussion by the Long Range Planning Committee was what to do about the High School Athletic Complex. Many needs were identified. Many of the ideas were related to safety, others to function, and some merely needing upgrades. Restrooms, locker rooms, concessions, dugouts, fencing, field resurfacing, and general upgrades were determined to be options the board should definitely consider.
- Q. The decision to close or keep Stinesville Elementary school open is a tough one! What does the declining enrollment and increasing operating costs for SES suggest about the long term viability of the school?

The board opened it up to the public to hear their views and concerns: Several parents spoke and gave several concerns: Will there be enough room for their students at EIS and EPS? They feel that we are using the money in the wrong way. We should use it to keep SES open and not worry about sport complex. They feel that they were not informed about the compliances that SES need to comply with. They are very worried about the EIS and EPS getting over crowded as the community grows. They are worried about long bus rides and if they decide to take them to school the overcrowded parking lots. They feel that the board does not care if they lose their students to a different school due to closing Stinesville. They are upset that the taxes will not go back down when closing Stinesville. They feel we needed more estimates for remodeling SES. They feel we needed more time before making the decision to close SES.

Mr. Durnil thanked everyone for coming. (Attached is a list of parents who signed up to speak)

Meeting adjourned

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Jimmie D. Durnil, President

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Randall C. Wright, Member

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Larry Thrasher, Vice-President

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Dana R. Kerr, Member

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Debra Merry, Secretary