

Junction City School District--Long-Range Facility Planning

Workshop 3 – FORMULATING

May 13, 2015

NOTES

Large Group Discussion

Replacement of Laurel Elementary

- Like on same campus as Oaklea Middle
- Keep as separate schools
- Efficiencies of shared drives and utilities
- Preserve existing athletic fields across from Oaklea
- Want to be aware of off-site costs and desire for road off of 18th and traffic congestion
- Likely need that extra access off of 18th for fire, maintenance, and potentially buses
- Costs could include sidewalks, road widening, and traffic lights
- Could we leave a portion of Laurel? Maybe gym for other uses, maybe parking too for the fields?
- Re-development on same site being kept as a back-up depending on land acquisition issues.
- A concern raised as to whether budgeting is low on Laurel - program and budgets will be reviewed and adjusted
- Co-location on same site would improve middle school conditions - selling point

Junction City High School

- Expensive - could we break the high school into 3-4 phases?
- Do a core instructional building first
- Auditorium now or later?
- KEY MESSAGE - Need to advocate for the safety factors at the high school - really spread out
- Community likely will not support a new gym, or cafeteria or offices. Start with core curriculum spaces first
- Want to use diagram starting by the tennis courts first and then 3 phases (from Workshop 2)
- Dysfunction of media center - compelling to do in phase 1 - windowless space and poor tech access - maybe combine for other uses and access for community - perhaps a part of a STEM Building as the first phase
- High school principal likes orientation of Option 2 with north-south football field and 4 ball fields with a center
- Don't mess with CTE in the first phase given the \$500k just spent on improving CTE - perhaps expand on it
- Fields will likely poll lower and should be a later priority or done through other means
- Bleachers are liability - polling low - might be term of "grandstands" - maybe remove existing now and put in temporary aluminum ones to deal with immediate safety issues. Poll to see if replacement with a real grandstand supported. If so, aluminum can be moved to soccer or baseball or softball fields.

TAXES

- \$114 annually for \$200k home for \$10 million
- State match if successful next month would make available \$2 million - \$8 million as a match

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- Potentially build in step down financing to build in "room" every ten years - every five years?
- Might be so expensive that we cannot do both. High school important but cannot abandon prior plan completely or lose credibility. Laurel still needs replacement.
- Look at leveraging other resources to reduce bond (grants, utility savings, state match, etc.)
- Fire bond has been paid off so will not be on this November - \$1.13/thousand savings

STRAW POLL & COMMUNICATIONS

- Prefer HS Option 2 - but streamline to smaller cost
- But liked last workshop option because HS phase 1 was just one building (2-story) and it was on open land so we can build without demolishing. Use gravel lot for footprint of new building to help consolidate.
- Go to 3 phases in lieu of 2 phases for JCHS.
- Do video of Laurel at lunch time early in communication process (to show overcrowding) - yet this year.
- Most voted for elementary replacement plus smaller phase 1, high school, with most critical needs addressed.
- Over-riding themes of safety and security:
 - Health of the building
 - Secured entries
 - Fire chief and police review comments
 - Show energy savings – that money can be put right into classrooms.

TERRITORIAL

Enclose breezeway for safety

(Maybe push use of cost savings to take care of other items to keep message simple rather than identifying specific improvements.)

OAKLEA

Not discussed other than most critical needs should carry over into plan - keeping message simple brought up here too