



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Special Meeting of March 10, 2020

Community Forum

Special Meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at Lincoln Elementary Performing Arts School, 930 E Main Street, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 6 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairwoman Diane Porter

Mr. Chris Brady

Mrs. Linda Duncan

Vice-Chair Chris Kolb

Mr. James Craig

Mr. Corrie Shull

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Martin A. Pollio, Ed.D.

Byron Leet, General Counsel

Angie Gilpin, Assistant Secretary to the Board

SPECIAL MEETING: Community Forum

I. Call Community Forum to Order

Chair Porter called the March 10, 2020, Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:05 p.m.

Assistant Principal Michael Ice welcomed families and community members to Lincoln Elementary Performing Arts School.

II. Greetings from Chairwoman Diane Porter and Superintendent Marty Pollio

Chair Porter offered greetings and announced that families and community members will have the opportunity to gather information and get answers to questions during the Information Fair. She requested they provide feedback to help improve the District.

Dr. Pollio announced that the four major areas of interest at the Information Fair would be Student Assignment, Facilities, School Safety, and the JCPS Strategic Plan. He explained that there would also be information tables set up for District departments.

III. Recess for Information Fair

Order #2020-34 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board recess from now until the end of the Information Fair passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Marshall and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mr. Corrie Shull	Yes

IV. Reconvene Community Forum

Chair Porter called the meeting back to order at 7:32 p.m. and announced that no business was conducted during the Information Fair.

V. Persons Requesting to Address the Board

The following speakers addressed the Board regarding Action Item A. Recommendation for Approval of Project, BG-1 Form, and Purchase of Land for the New Middle School – East End:

Metro Councilman Anthony Piagentini spoke in full support of the proposal. He acknowledged that the roads around the area need to be improved.

Jeff Frank recommended the Board table the vote until JCPS staff supplies the Board and the public with all documents related to transactions with the developer.

Steve Henry expressed concern with traffic and road safety and advised the Board to find a different location for the new school. He cited issues with the proximity to the Parkland of Floyds Fork, fearing the environmental impact it would have.

Don Pickinpaugh advised the Board to find a different location discussing environmental and traffic concerns.

Bob Federico, chairman of Eastwood Village Council, expressed concern with traffic and the dangerous intersection leading to the proposed school site. He asked to Board to lead in the process to improve the intersection and roads for the safety of everyone that moves through the area.

Steve Porter advised the Board to find a different location for the new school in order to avoid segregation in the District.

David Spenard advised the Board not to take action on the recommendation due to the lack of documentation regarding the proposal.

Harrell Hurst expressed concern with traffic and road safety, environmental impact, and the excessive cost of the school site.

Leslie Lovelace advised the Board to look for a different location for the school, expressing concern with the cost of the property and safety issues regarding traffic and road conditions.

The following speaker addressed the Board and discussed a non-agenda item:

Edgardo Mansilla expressed concern for English Language Learners and discussed the need for more resources and supports to help with student achievement.

VI. Action Items

A. Recommendation for Approval of Project, BG-1 Form, and Purchase of Land for the New Middle School – East End

Dr. Glenn Baete, chief operations officer; Susan Biasioli, director of Facility Planning; Vince Vetter and Colin Drake with JRA Architects; and David Mendel with Mindel Scott; presented the rationale. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Multiple Board members expressed concern with the road conditions and traffic issues near the school site and advised that they would like to push for improvements.

Order #2020-35 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the project, the BG-1 form for an estimated cost of \$32,000,000, and the purchase of land at 2605 Echo Trail for the New Middle School – East End. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mr. Corrie Shull	Yes

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Order #2020-36 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Marshall and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Corrie Shull	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes

Diane Porter
Chairwoman

Dr. Martin A. Pollio
Superintendent/Secretary

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