

Arapahoe Public School
Board of Education – Special Meeting
The Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln, NE
November 16th, 2016 10:30 am

Vice President Dennis Roskop called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Vice President Dennis Roskop welcomed the visitors and announced that the Arapahoe Board of Education follows the rules of the Open Meetings Act which is posted.

The following members were present: Dan Warner, Rod Whipple, Kelly Breinig, Dennis Roskop and Lisa Anderson.

The following member(s) were absent: Todd Watson.

A motion was made by Breinig and seconded by Warner to excuse Todd Watson's absence. AYES: Whipple, Breinig, Roskop, Anderson and Warner. Motion carried 5-0.

Also present was Dr. George Griffith, Superintendent and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary. Guest(s) included Chad Carpenter, TJ Schirmer, Tim Ripp, Jeff Chadwick and Sarah Janiak of Clark Enersen.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Breinig to approve the agenda. AYES: Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Warner and Whipple. Motion carried 5-0.

Vice President Roskop asked for Public Comment. None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

TJ updated the entire board on the progression of the project. They met with staff and shared some of the input they received which included classroom size, central office location, preschools preference not to move, dedicated science room in the elementary, a room or rooms that will accommodate a junior high and/or high school class or classes of 30 or more students, and storage concerns with losing the space under the existing high school. These suggestions led us to develop option 28, which centralized the new gym on the south side, accomplishes a more central location of the main entrance and central offices, separates K-6 from high school, and has nice corridors which ease circulation. The preschool expressed the need for a sink and dishwasher in their room. High school science rooms will be larger for a lab / classroom combination. One room will be larger to accommodate those large high school classes. A concession stand area will be established next to the kitchen. This new design leaves the existing high school standing throughout the building / renovation process, which allows the phasing of the project to remain cost effective. The current locker rooms under the bleachers will remain and will need to be sprinkled. This plan is approximately 42,860 square feet and the original plan was approximately 41,000 square feet, but we feel we can trim that down a bit more. They discussed cutting the money out of the parking and not the building. The new gym would allow for dual practices to be held when the bleachers are pulled back. The home side bleachers would seat more than the visitors side. The seating capacity of the new gym would be approximately 1,000. Dr. Griffith reported that the preschool playground is to be separate from the school age playground to be in compliance with Rule 11. The musicals and other performances would continue to be held in the gym we have today. The storage area under the stage would also have to be sprinkled. Basically, anything you can get to will need to be sprinkled according to the fire marshal. One item that will need to be discussed in the elementary are the location of the lockers, inside the classroom or in the hallway. The elementary classroom sizes have increased by approximately 150 square feet. The drop off lane would remain out front and would be extended. One strong feeling of the board is to have PE, recess, etc. in the current gym and not in the new gym.

The board recessed for lunch.

The board further discussed the locations of the preschool and school age playgrounds and would like to consider leaving the playground where it is at and address it later. The board would also like to try to involve patrons in the discussion of this plan either through the construction manager selection committee or the advisory committee that reports to the superintendent, as well as making the plan easily available for discussion. A concern was voiced about the need for a gym that seats 1,000. Shrinking the size of the gym would eliminate the option for dual practices. Having a gym that size would open up the opportunity to hold other events, tournaments and this is being built for the future needs of the school. If adjustments were made to the size of the gym, could that money saved be moved to the current gym to enhance the acoustics for programs, plays and other performances. Tim advised the board that would all come down to the budget. The NSAA looks at gym size and run out, number of locker rooms, seating capacity when choosing host sites. TJ and Tim will work on getting the board a site drawing to share with staff and patrons.

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, December 12th, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Arapahoe Public School Library.

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Breinig to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 pm. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Warner, Whipple and Breinig. Motion carried 5-0.

Cassie Hilker

Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary