

## School Facilities Review Committee Minutes

April 4, 2016, 5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 335

Dennis Slopak called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

**Committee Members Present:** Superintendent Abby Dolliver, Mayor Deberey Hinchey, Board of Education Member and Committee Chair Dennis Slopak, Alderwoman Joanne Philbrick, Comptroller Joshua Pothier, Facilities Supervisor Dolores Thayer and Business Administrator Athena Nagel

**Committee Members Excused:** Board of Education Member Angelo Yeitz

**Others Present:** Member of the Press Adam Benson, Alderwoman Stacy Gould and Recording Secretary Melinda Wilson

**Presenters:** Bruce Kellogg, JCJ Architecture; Doreen Marvin, LEARN; Ken Biega, O&G Industries

**Determination of Quorum:** It was determined a quorum was present.

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by Deb Hinchey, seconded by Joanne Philbrick, the minutes of March 7, 2016 were unanimously approved as corrected, with Doreen Marvin's name corrected.

**Citizen Comment:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New business:** Bruce Kellogg of JCJ Architecture handed out copies of a matrix of options for the Norwich Public Schools system facilities in the future. Based on comments made during the public forums, city staff forums and online survey results, JCJ offered basic pros and cons on several school configurations. As discussion ensued during the presentation, Committee members expanded on the pros and cons of the presented options. Each of the options retained Kelly Middle School for grades 7 and 8. Options for pre-K through sixth were presented as follows:

Option A: one district-wide pre-K through sixth grade school; Option B: one district-wide pre-K through second grade and one district-wide third grade through sixth grade school; Option C: one new K-8 magnet STEAM school, one new K-8 magnet STEM school, one new pre-K through grade 2 district-wide school, and one grade 3 through grade 6 district-wide school; Option D: two pre-K through grade 2 current schools renovated as new, two grade 3 through grade 6 current schools renovated as new; Option E: two new pre-K through grade 2 schools and two new grade 3 through grade 6 schools. Bruce and Doreen Marvin presented each option's estimated enrollment statistics, estimated square footage, number of classrooms, availability of administrative office space, and an analysis of basic pros and cons. There was no preference placed on the order of the options, A through E.

Discussion ensued as to the benefits and drawbacks of several of the options. Option C was estimated to have much higher construction costs than the other options, so was removed from the discussion. It was considered doubtful that a large, available and appropriate property existed on which to build the Option A school within the city, but it was not removed from consideration until cost estimates can be determined. State reimbursement rates were discussed with Ken Biega of O&G Industries.

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The Committee decided to pursue cost analysis on Options A, B and a blended version of Options D&E. JCJ will present these cost estimates at the May Committee meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Deb Hinchey, seconded by Joanne Philbrick, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Melinda Wilson*  
*Recording Secretary*