

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HERINGTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 487
19 N BROADWAY
June 1, 2010
5:00 p.m.**

David Powell called to order the special meeting of the Board of Education of U.S.D. 487 at 5:00 p.m., June 1, 2010. Board members and other staff present were: Bret Beye, Phil Brockmeier, Anna Gustafson, Alan Stuart, Superintendent John Thissen and Clerk of the Board Robyn Heitfield. Beki Denning and Stacey Berndt were absent.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Anna Gustafson moved (Brockmeier) to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

2. RELEASE PROJECT FOR BIDS

Kevin Nelson with Hollis + Miller met with Mr. Thissen and others May 25th to finalize plans for the new elementary and track area. Another meeting was held on May 27th with Kaw Valley Engineering, in which many concerns were voiced. Many of the questions were answered during this meeting and additional suggestions made:

➤ Drain water runoff

A single method was used due to the type of soil in the area and that the elevation of the land is made to withstand all but the “100 year rain”. The company was comfortable there would be no standing water for more than 12 hours. The existing pavement drainage will not change the direction.

➤ Geothermal

Evans Energy found that pipe was collapsing 80 feet down. This is what will provide hot water to the new building. An update had not been received by the company. Kevin Nelson will contact the company to see if the issue has been resolved.

➤ Add-ons and deducts

Several ideas were expressed regarding the possibility of adding or deducting options dependent on how the bids come in;

- Base bid would include less expensive tile in the classrooms. If bid comes in low, could install more expensive flooring that takes no added maintenance.
- Wood laminate flooring would be base bid. If bid comes in low could be changed to ceramic tile
- Sidewalks could be removed if necessary
- Curb and guttering bid around the entire building. Could remove the curbing off the back of the building.
- Twelve alternate projects would be created in the hopes that bids will come in lower than projected. Some discussion could move forward now to prioritize projects based on long-term cost savings. Currently, nineteen parking spots were removed but could easily be put back in as an alternate.
- Roofing tied to LEED design – stucco panels instead of metal (cheaper)

Alan Stuart commented he would like to see piping run under the practice field so an irrigation system can be put in place at a later date. This could be done as a possible change order.

Other changes that were made to the proposed plans include:

1. Surface on the playground will be a mixture to save \$6,000
2. Landscaping – will only remove two trees on the edge of the bus route
-- will only remove two trees by the long island of the west loop
3. No trees will be blocking the entrance
4. Austrian pines on the north entrance can possibly be relocated

Kevin informed members if the project is approved tonight as proposed, specifications will be printed by Hollis + Miller and sent on. The scopes will be written and sent out to bid on June 11. As soon as Hutton Construction receives the final drawings from Hollis + Miller, they will review everything with Hollis + Miller in the next two weeks. Hutton informed members they have identified a superintendent for the project and met with him last week to determine the placement of the office trailer.

The question was asked if Hutton has the opportunity to bid a job if all other bids come in over projections. He requested to see Hutton's pre bid estimates so the board would know what to be looking for.

Bret Beye made a motion (Gustafson) to release the project for bid. Motion carried 5-0.

3. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:55 p.m., David Powell declared the meeting adjourned.

Robyn Heitfield, Clerk of the Board of Education

Attest: _____

David Powell, President

Date: June 28, 2010