

October 14, 2014

The New Prairie United School Corporation Board of Trustees met for a Work Session at the Corporation Office on Monday, October 13, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. with Board Members present: Rich Shail, Allen Williamson, Dale Groves, Bernie Baltes, and Phil King. Also present: Jim Dermody, and Barb Hart.

Rich Shail opened the meeting stating that we are here tonight for a Work Session in an open forum to discuss and establish direction regarding the critical facility study projects.

The items of critical nature discussed were:

1. The HS roof and restrooms in the West Wing, the expansion of the cafeteria
2. Security upgrade, cell boosters and towers in the HS
3. The Olive track
4. Any upgrades must fit into a long range plan, particularly the East Wing of NPHS
5. Integrating any solutions into a long term vision.

Possible solutions for the cafeteria were: Expand to the east end of the existing cafeteria, expand into the existing Courtyard, and Integrate a Courtyard/Media Center expanding into a Learning Commons.

Since security was part of a Safe School Grant, the NPUSC must follow the grant recommendations for security updates.

Some potential liability concerns with the track at Olive exist. This is not something that needs to be taken care of right now, but within a few years.

Whatever is decided, the Board will strive to accomplish upgrades without an increase to the tax rate. The upgrades may be completed in phases or sub-phases to achieve this goal.

It was decided and agreed upon that the NPHS roof and restrooms were the most critical items. The HS cafeteria is the second item, including the decision of expansion or consideration of a Learning Commons. The Olive track would then be the final item of consideration. Possible solutions include removing the track and planting grass or continue to upgrade the track. Also, the town may be interested in leasing the track/field like they did with the baseball diamonds. The Board is in agreement that this decision will be delayed at this time.

Dale asked about the possibility of paying down the existing debt. But Kelley Kitchen explained the financing which requires certain dates before a bond can be paid off to protect the bond holder. Also NPUSC needs to be concerned about maintaining a constant tax rate so that DLGF doesn't view a bond issuance when necessary as a tax hike.

The final decision was to bring to the next Board meeting the estimated cost of the HS West Wing roof and West Wing restrooms upgrades. This includes all red and orange areas on the

'Site Work' spreadsheet. Kurt Pletcher will attend the Board meeting on October 27th for any questions the Board may have regarding the upgrades.

Motion for adjournment was made at 7:05 p.m. by Bernie Baltes.