**Community Facility Meeting**

**June 24, 2019**

Attendees: Judy Bean, Kevin Herda, Suzanne Griepp, Ruthanna Frizzell, Julie Price, Steve Savitz, Dennis Kilmer, Jerry Schlatter, Jason Tapia, Rich McFarland, and Loretta Burkey.

Capital levy timelines: Board resolution needs to be filed by August 6th. The Bond attorney needs two weeks prior to that due date to prepare the resolution. Discussed whether the facility plan is ready to meet these deadlines.

Currently in the process of starting the Facility Study and Survey. The Facility Study and Survey enables to district to receive state matching funds for a facility bond and identifies facility issues and needs.

The District did receive the Department of Energy grant for approximately $224,000, however the District would have to match about $700,000 to receive the $224,000. This is a long-range energy efficiency grant, replacing lights with LED lights. The return to the District in energy savings would be 29 years. The challenge is that the grant parameters, do not really meet the urgent needs of the District. The group felt that a capital levy to complete this project would be a harder sell to the community when there are more urgent needs.

Discussed the advantage of running back-to-back capital levies to complete smaller projects rather than trying to pass a larger bond. Jerry Schlatter stated that to “sell” any project to the community requires having a comprehensive facility plan and showing the energy savings and cost effectiveness of the project. The challenge is that we don’t sell the bonds well enough or maybe we are just not a 60% approval community.

Suggested building levy/bond support using WAMOA data showing that our maintenance budget is $xx,xxx dollars and district our size the recommended budget is $xxx,xxx dollars.

Suggested hiring an additional maintenance person and increasing the budget. Projects can be completed more cost effectively in-house rather than using contractors.

The question was raised as to what are the facility needs in the next 10 years? It is difficult to present a short-range plan when the district hasn’t completed a long-range plan. Suggested having the architects giving us a list of urgent safety issues in the district. The district’s greatest needs regarding safety are, security cameras, technology, and updated phone system. The entrances into the school buildings are also not designed for safety. It was suggested to have an outside review of the safety issues in the district.

Steve Savitz shared that safety in the past was a driving principal for prioritizing facility projects, safety for students, staff, and community members. The roof project at Jenkins fell under safety.

What does the committee want to do moving forward do we have time?

 Focus on safety and security, phones, technology, entrances.

Next meeting date is: July 11th at 5:00 PM