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REDDING BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
John Read Middle School Community Room

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March 30, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

ATTENDANCE – all virtual

Board members: Parkin, Hoffman, Sadana, Gibbons, Oulton, Shanahan

Administration: McKinnon, Scrofani

Members of the public: 2, including chair of the Facilities committee Mike D’Agostino

CALL TO ORDER

C. Parkin called the Redding Board of Education Special meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: 2023-2024 CAPITAL PLAN REVIEW

Capital plan formal requests are reviewed. At the last meeting the replacement of the elevator was debated and sent back to the Facilities committee for further discussion. We are waiting for additional information from the architecture firm Tecton with respect to the cost of the Ed Specs design upgrades for RES and JRMS. The Facilities teams have met twice in the past 10 days to encourage Tecton to present an updated number that may be presented to the BOF Monday.

A revised Capital Plan was reviewed. The cost of RES elevator replacement was updated from \$150,000 to \$250,000 and was decided to postpone the replacement to no sooner than FY 2024-2025. It was determined that the ability to repair the elevator in the short term is still possible, parts are readily available. Also, the Educational Space Modernization at Redding Elementary and John Read Middle Schools, Phase 1 (RES grades K-2 areas and JRMS library and common room) has been flushed out. Tecton has returned a proposal for this phase of approximately \$475,000. It is the committee’s recommendation to request an amount not to exceed \$485,000.

This is Phase 1 of what could be a multi-phase project. Highlights:

Kindergarten wing at RES will have temporary walls replaced with permanent and fire safe doors installed for each classroom. Storage spaces will be converted to small group instruction areas that may be accessed from each classroom. Storage will be unified in the hallway and some will be moved into classrooms.

2nd grade wing will reclaim large storage areas for small group instruction and workspace. New unified storage solutions. (Total cost estimate RES \$303, 952.00 furniture and construction) At JRMS, the reading room will have new furniture and acoustic issues addressed. Main library will get new furniture, as well as renovating a small conference room used for storage. Glass will be installed to create a view from the circulation desk and may be used for instruction. The community room will receive new furniture. (Total cost estimate JRMS~\$175,167.60, primarily furniture)

L. Gibbons notes that after the walk through she feels these updates will be very beneficial. M. Hoffman notes that the spaces due for modification are obviously in need and upgrades are presented thoughtfully. C. Parkin agrees. M. Hoffman also remarked that the increased cost of elevator replacement was not the reason to delay, it was simply due to the availability of parts to repair. The elevator is currently in good working order. C. Sadana notes this will address security concerns for Kindergarten wing. C. Parkin notes each room will have its own fire safety rating. In addition, Tecton's actual number was \$425,000. In order to include all soft costs or unexpected changes. They discussed with Dr. McKinnon and increased the proposal to \$475,000 to better align with the Facilities committee plan. Cost per square foot was increased and includes interior doors on small instruction rooms. \$479,000 vs \$485,000 we would like to request. Soft costs are debated (paint, light fixtures etc.) 20% contingency included should cover all that is needed. M. D'Agostino commented that it is helpful the proposal came through close to the Facilities committee number and that the contingency should cover painting and other collateral items. M. Hoffman noted that we are fortunate to have M. D'Agostino, a contractor and Dan Conlin, an architect, on the Facilities committee as they are able to pose the right questions with regards to meeting code and costs. C. Parkin thanks them.

Motion: move that the Redding Board of Education adopt the 2023-2024 revised Capital Plan. (Hoffman, Gibbons). Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move that the Redding Board of Education formally request \$485,000 for Educational Spaces Modernization Phase 1 at Redding Elementary and John Read Middle Schools. (Hoffman, Gibbons). Approved. Unanimous.

All to be presented to the BOF Monday, if passed it will be on the referendum May 1 and if adopted we may break ground on or around July 1, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made for Adjournment by M. Hoffman and L. Gibbons. Hearing no objections, C. Parkin adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Submitted by Stephanie Oulton
Secretary, Redding Board of Education

Recorded by,
Stephanie Oulton