

1. A duly advertised public hearing of the Board of Education was called to order by President Fred Naegele at 7:00 p.m. in the North Harrison Middle School Library.
2. Secretary Ron Coleman polled the Board and found that all members were present.
3. Superintendent Monty Schneider opened the meeting by stating the purpose of the meeting was to get the community's input concerning a possible renovation or building project concerning North Harrison Elementary.
4. Each Board member welcomed the public.
5. Mr. Don Hanen stated he likes the proposed building project (additional classrooms on top of the current elementary roof). He encouraged the Board to remodel the Whiskey Run Road parking lot due to concerns that the fire trucks may have limited access to the school. He would like to see a sprinkler system installed in the new addition if funds are available.
6. Mr. Greg Rupp questioned Jerry Firestone if the concrete walls could be cut to allow for windows. He also questioned if more and larger restrooms will be added to the possible addition.
7. Mr. Jerry Firestone stated that windows could be added at an additional expense and the new addition would have larger restrooms.
8. Mr. Gary Byrne asked where the nearest underground school is located and why Mr. Firestone will not give the name of underground schools his firm has worked with. He stated that he knows of two children who transferred to Morgan Elementary due to health issues. He wants the Board/RQAW to guarantee that the new addition will fix all health concerns. He believes the current structure is a "guinea pig" and the new addition will be a "guinea pig." Finally, he believes the current building concept is wrong.
9. Mr. Jerry Firestone stated he would not discuss RQAW's work with their clients.
10. Mr. Ron Coleman stated he has visited other underground schools.
11. Mr. Fred Naegele stated that North Harrison Elementary is an "earthen" building and not an underground building.
12. Mr. Gary Byrne believes there may be something in the concrete that is making people sick. He believes the past mold tests at the elementary are a "joke." He questioned the price of using the cafeteria and current gym and adding classrooms. He wanted to know how many classrooms the current elementary maintains.
13. Mr. Kathy Mott explained the estimate of \$12.5 million included soft costs of the proposed building project.
14. Mr. Keith Jones stated that his discussions with a representative of Shireman Construction stated that construction contingency costs average twenty percent in today's market.
15. Mr. Jerry Firestone explained that he could not guarantee a set construction contingency costs due to a current volatile construction market.
16. Mrs. Belinda Biddle questioned Jerry Firestone on construction time, overtime pay, if there is a penalty for the contractors not completing work on time, and will class sizes go up.
17. Mr. Jerry Firestone stated that the normal construction day is 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; the contract will have all the specifications answering Mrs. Biddle's concerns.
18. Supt. Monty Schneider stated that he does not believe class sizes will go up, but this question depends on how much money the school receives from the state.

19. Mr. Dave Harmon questioned the Board on how many building options is the school corporation examining. He asked the Board if the current renovation plan examines problems with surface water by the library and art room.
20. Mr. Jerry Firestone stated that when a building project is accepted, then a detailed survey would be completed to examine drainage issues.
21. Mr. Dave Harmon believes the \$9 million construction estimate is underestimated.
22. Mr. Corey Wood is concerned about tornado and fire safety in a two story elementary building.
23. Mrs. Sheryl Burns explained how current tornado and fire drills are executed.
24. Mr. Jerry Firestone stated that building plans will/must have safe areas for emergencies.
25. Mrs. Lisa Oehmann questioned if the restrooms will be removed in options A, B, and C of the proposed building project. She has concerns about the younger students going upstairs in the proposed project.
26. Mr. Jerry Firestone stated that all state regulations will be followed.
27. Mr. David Deatrick questioned if there are standards for restroom urinals.
28. Mr. Jerry Firestone stated that urinals would meet ADA requirements.
29. Mr. David Deatrick asked the Board if the renovation would reduce noise in the classrooms. He commended Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. Oehmann for teaching in noisy classrooms.
30. Mrs. Tammy Sager asked the Board if they have enough information to make a decision in a timely manner.
31. Mr. Bobby Chinn stated that he wants to go home and examine current figures. He also wants more information from the North Harrison Elementary teachers.
32. Mrs. Kathy Mott stated she wants more time reviewing the current figures, but she is getting close to making a decision.
33. Mrs. Tammy Sager asked Monty Schneider if the school has money available to fill the additional classrooms with teachers.
34. Supt. Monty Schneider stated that the corporation does not have the funding for additional teachers. He prefers a lower student/teacher ratio.
35. Mrs. Tammy Sager questioned if the new addition could contain new Special Need's classrooms.
36. Mrs. Kelly Churchill stated she is glad a decision has not been made and hopes the Board will examine all proposals. She wants a new ground level building and the Board should keep in mind the possibility of creating pre-school rooms.
37. Mr. Jeff Davis asked the Board to receive input from the teachers, plan for future growth, and he likes a ground floor plan versus an upstairs building.
38. Mr. Jerry Firestone stated teachers would be asked for input once a decision has been made.
39. Mr. Jeff Davis asked Jerry Firestone what the construction timetable is once bids have been accepted.
40. Mr. Jerry Firestone stated 16-18 months for construction that he hopes to complete by fall of 2007.
41. Mr. Jeff Davis asked if the Board was under contract with Performance Services.
42. Supt. Monty Schneider explained that the Board has no contract with Performance Services or RQAW.

43. Mrs. Kathy Mott explained that the Board liked the work of Performance Services in the schools the Board visited.
44. Mrs. Virginia Long asked if the entire Elementary would be unearthed and what type of floor will be installed.
45. Mr. Jerry Firestone stated the dirt will be removed from the building and that all types of flooring will be available for the building project.
46. Mr. Keith Jones questioned if gym costs are included in the construction bid. He asked the Board if they have long-range plans for the school corporation. He stated common sense says lay out your needs for what is expected growth. He urged the Board to be cautious in any decision and develop long-range goals. Mr. Jones favors renovation but fears problems of current building. He does not like the non-traditional pod layout. He stated mold could never be totally removed from any building. He agreed with Mr. Don Hanen that electric heat should be investigated. He wants the Board to look at a new building that will encourage new growth and hopefully industry. Finally, he would not be upset if the Board waited to make a decision.
47. Mr. Buddy Bosler thanked everyone for coming. He stated he has changed his mind over some items and needs more time to digest all the new information.
48. Mr. Bobby Chinn thanked everyone for coming. He wants more time to digest the new material. He has concerns about the mold. Mr. Chinn believes the building is a good structure, but the school corporation has failed to maintain caulking and general maintenance on the outside walls. Finally, the Board must examine all options.
49. Mr. Ron Coleman thanked everyone for coming, He stated that he has not changed his mind and wants to build a new building.
50. Mrs. Kathy Mott thanked everyone for coming and stated that she does not know where she stands on the current building project.
51. Mr. Fred Naegele thanked everyone for coming. He said Kelley Churchill and Keith Jones enlightened him. He stated the Board does seek expert advice in making building project decisions. He has not yet made a decision. Mr. Naegele stated that the demolition of concrete is very expensive and he wants more detail before making a decision. He is also concerned about the future needs of Morgan Elementary and wants input from Supt. Monty Schneider and Asst. Supt. Ken Oppel.
52. Mrs. Kathy Mott stated she wants construction plans for a new building.
53. Mr. Jerry Firestone stated that he will do whatever the Board desires and will get new building plans developed.
54. Mrs. Virginia Long stated she wants a survey of taxpayers on proposed building project.
55. Mrs. Kathy Mott stated that this is why the Board has hearing to receive input from the public.
56. Supt. Monty Schneider stated a 1028 hearing is required by law to get more input from the public concerning any building project and the Board has gone out of its way to get information from the public.
57. Mrs. Virginia Long stated that she knows property taxes are going to rise.
58. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

President

Secretary