

# Planning & Development Committee

## Summary of 10.17.11 Meeting

### Attendees

Committee Members: Angela Korsmo, Dave Olson & Patti Stedman

District Staff: Dr. David Flowers, Mark Lemer & Pete Diemert

Board Members: None

Media: None

Other: None

- 1) High School Parking Lot Improvements
  - a. The committee reviewed a proposal from Moore Engineering to conduct a topographical survey, a physical condition assessment and a preliminary cost estimate to rehabilitate the parking lots at the West Fargo High School and Veteran's Memorial Arena
  - b. It was the consensus of the group to bring the proposal to the School Board for review and action on October 24, 2011. If the proposal is accepted, the school district and the park district will review the overall costs of the proposal and determine a course of action for the next steps in the process.
  
- 2) Video Board and Score Board Update
  - a. Dr. Flowers briefed the committee on the status of a proposal to update and improve the score boards at the West Fargo High School. A community member is soliciting funds for a video display board at the high school and is encouraging the school district to invest in new score boards. This is a slight change from information that had been shared with the School Board that indicated that funds would be solicited for score boards at no cost to the school district.
  - b. The committee directed the administration to further study the possibility of replacing the existing score boards if the community were to fund the video display board, as well as the potential additional costs associated with the operation of the video display board and the commitments that would be made to the board sponsors.
  
- 3) Prioritization of existing projects
  - a. The committee reviewed the current list of projects that have been suggested as improvements to be funded from our QSCB and One-Time Supplemental Grant funds. There have been requests to move some items up in the priority list, including score boards and back boards in the high school gym and improvements to the high school theater.
  - b. The committee members asked for additional information, such as a definitively ranked list of the improvements to the theater and some cost estimates for several other projects.

- 4) Property purchases
  - a. The committee discussed the possibility of purchasing property in the vicinity of the Leidal Education Center for future expansion and property in the vicinity of the Sheyenne site. There was no significant interest in pursuing any additional acquisitions at this time.
  
- 5) Bond Premium
  - a. The committee discussed the approximately \$2,000,000 net premium that was provided with the 2011 General Obligation Bond sale.
  - b. It was recommended that the administration use \$1,200,000 of the premium to create the 6-month interest reserve required for the Sinking and Interest Fund that will repay the bond. The remainder of the premium will remain in the construction project fund to assist with the overall construction costs authorized during the May 24, 2011 bond vote.