



Maynard School District

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Public Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2013

Presenter: Dr. Steve Bounds, Board President

Attendance: Larry Sullinger, Superintendent, Board Members: Mike Roberts, Babbie Nelson, Charles Jarrett, Daniel Lawrence, Elementary Principal Scott James, Kim Moore, Melinda Harris, Donna Dixon, Cindy Kimble, Tammy Brooks, Rena Graddy, Amanda DeJournett, Jamie DeJournett, Vallie Ray, Cindy Burns, Gaylene Sullinger, Mary Carrithers and Ben Cowles.

Tentative plans for the proposed buildings were on display.

Dr. Bounds reviewed the building plan that was proposed last year. The plan is to build a split level building at the high school campus with several classrooms, new library, new special needs classroom, new band room and administration offices. This would allow the district to get rid of the portable buildings and classrooms.

The 4-6 grade students would be moved into this building so the current 4-6 building could be replaced. The new elementary building would have a new library, principal's office, new classrooms, new computer lab, and also new art and music rooms. This would eliminate the need for the portable building now serving as a library. After the completion of this building, the 4-6 grade students would return to the elementary campus and high school would move into the split-level building. The plan also includes the addition of restrooms in the current high school building.

Dr. Bounds then addressed funding for this project. The building was proposed under a plan where the State of Arkansas would provide 2/3 of the funding (approximately \$2.6 million), leaving the district responsible for 1/3 (roughly \$1.3 million). The district is currently paying 2.5 mills for bond payments on the elementary building. That debt will be paid off in 2017. By extending the bonds for 30 years and asking the voters to transfer 3.2 mills from M/O to the debt service fund, the district will be able to fund the building projects without asking the voters for a millage increase. This would give the district a total of 5.7 mills in the Debt Service to fund the entire project for the next 30 years.

The plan was approved last year but funding ran out before any was assigned to Maynard. Mr. Sullinger reports that sources at the State level indicate that those who were not funded last year will receive funding this year. He should receive notice before school is out in May.

Questions from the audience included inquiries about a new gym. The current plans only include instructional and support areas. A parent asked about including a safe room in the new building. Dr. Bounds stated that the district had checked into building a safe room, but cannot get federal grants because of a hazard mitigation plan is not in place for the district/county. Therefore it is proposed to reinforce the walls of the buildings to make them safe during severe storms. He said that rebar could be added to the concrete as the building is being built to help the walls withstand strong winds.

Board Member Charles Jarrett wanted the people to know that their taxes would not increase. He said the district is trying to spend the money wisely without a millage increase.

Mr. Bounds and Mr. Sullinger closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and supporting the district.

President

Secretary