

## APPROVED MINUTES

### REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2007 CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Wednesday, May 24, 2006  
Greenwood

Board President, Mr. Thomas G. Grzyski called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. In addition to Mr. Grzyski, the following Board members were present: Mr. Donald L. Arnold, Dr. Warren Hayman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. JoAnn C. Murphy, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, and Ms. Joy Shillman. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, staff members, as well as media were present.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

1. Mr. Derek Woodward, Kenwood High School Teacher/Coach – Requested funding to renovate Kenwood High School's locker rooms in the budget. He stated the locker rooms were never renovated during the last renovation process. Mr. Woodward stated three areas of concern relating to the locker rooms are space, safety, and health. Players are changing in the old shower room. Storage area is tight and equipment cannot be stored properly. He stated the total renovation of the locker rooms would be approximately \$650,000 with the first phasing costing about \$60,000.

Mr. Hayden entered the room at 7:02 p.m.

2. Ms. Lori Ann Valdivia, PTSA President, Stemmers Run Middle School – Thanked the Board for earlier renovations, new lockers, auditorium seating, and renovation of windows. However, Ms. Valdivia stated windows and blinds in one area, called the courtyard, are not scheduled for renovation. She asked the Board to make the windows and blinds in the courtyard area a priority in next year's budget. Ms. Valdivia also stated that the boys' and girls' gym locker rooms were worsening. She noted that these are the original lockers from when the school was built.

Board members expressed concern over the lack of public participation for the capital budget hearing. Mr. Hayden stated that these public hearings need to be publicized more to the communities. Mr. Grzyski noted that the area educational advisory councils had pre-capital budget meetings this year. Mr. Janssen also stated that the school system should utilize the area educational advisory councils as one tool to advertise the public hearing.

Ms. Murphy suggested flyers be available to the public prior to the scheduled meeting informing communities of the hearing.

Mr. Arnold suggested the school system utilize the *ConnectEd* phone message system as way of informing the public of the hearing.

The hearing was concluded at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe A. Hairston  
Secretary-Treasurer

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