

OFFICIAL SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TETON COUNTY, WYOMING

The Teton County Board of Commissioners met in special session on **June 14, 2018** in the Commissioners Chambers located at 200 S. Willow in Jackson. The meeting was called to order at 11:33am.

School Board present: Kate Mead Chair, Janine Bay Teske, and Bill Scarlett.

Staff present: Gillian Chapman Superintendent, Tyler Sinclair, Sean O'Malley, Steve Ashworth, Brady Hansen, Alyssa Watkins, Sherry Daigle, Erin Weisman, Susan Johnson, Jeff Daugherty, and Charlotte Reynolds.

Commission Chair Newcomb opened the workshop hoping to have a free conversation between the Teton County School District Board of Trustees, Teton County Board of County Commissioners, Teton County staff and Teton County School District staff about going forward to meet the needs of the Teton County School District with particular focus on the three-acre exaction parcel due to the school district as part of the exactions associated with the phase 2 expansion of the Teton Village Resort. This exaction parcel can play an important role in meeting the growing needs of the school district. There are challenges, such as transportation, if a school is built at Teton Village that will need to be addressed. There has been some master planning done for the 12-acre parcel indicating a need for a community park and some fields.

School Board Chair Mead addressed the boards stating the Teton County School District (TCSD) would like to work closely with the Teton County Commissioners. As an elected board, they operate a school district with a budget of over \$50 million annually and work with the legislature to make sure they have everything needed for one of the communities most important assets – our children. TCSD is looking at all avenues to lessen the overcrowding of schools. “We don’t want to put the new school there” (in Teton Village). This is not the best location or solution and trust her Board of Trustees to resolve this matter.

Superintendent Chapman addressed the boards of the growing enrollment of the school district and the overcrowding of classrooms. The trends of enrollment at the middle school and high school are following the trends of the elementary school. Both the middle school and high school are at 95% capacity, with the state guideline at 85%. To help with overcrowding, the district closed its borders to out of county students. To meet state guidelines and state facilities department timelines and guidelines for building a school will only start when TCSD has acquired a parcel of land. Teton County is one of only two districts in the state that are growing in student population and enrollment. TCSD retains students. Once they join TCSD, they tend to stay.

Discussion among the two Boards included getting land “seals the deal” on getting new school, new parcel vs. land adjacent/surrounding current schools, process of getting in on the 2020 budget season, addition to high school for 8th grade wing, changing elementary schools to be K-6 and middle school to be grades 7-8, transportation/traffic at the village exaction parcel – mainly middle school age students, would like the exaction parcel deeded to the school to begin planning but not necessarily to build on, no formal decision has been made about the kind of school that would best serve the community, funds for planning is available, and the process for choosing best three acres for school district.

Steve Ashworth, Director of Parks and Recreation, addressed the Joint Board regarding the public engagement process of community wants and needs of the site development of the parcel, urban style school, similar process with TVA and JHMR for Stilson, did not look at other public facility uses, maximizing the best use of site design method that everything works cohesively.

Discussion between both boards and staff included per the School Facilities Department (SFD) – minimum acreage needed for a middle school is 10 acres per 100 students, for a high school is 20 acres per 100 students, for an elementary school is 4 acres per 100 students and 1 acre for each additional 100 students, cannot swap 3 acres for 3 acres, counting Teton County land as open space park land with the 3 acre exaction parcel, time frames from the county are significant longer than TCSD can afford to have, hope to have deed transferred at June 19, 2018 meeting, transportation will play into the location of a new school, would take the opportunity to look at other acreage due to access, limitations on public use lands used in conjunction with school land needs, SFD has the potential of accommodating smaller site sizes, classrooms in trailers to accommodate overcrowding, possibility of changing sites for school after transfer of deed, possibility of selling parcel to raise revenue to build somewhere else, amendment of land records (new deed), transfer of land at Stilson, and urgent need for transfer of land and agreement of school site best for community and students.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Macker and seconded by Commissioner Epstein to adjourn. Chair Newcomb called for the vote. The vote showed 4-0 and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:51pm.

Respectfully submitted: sdf

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