

MINUTES

WILLIAMSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

October 4, 2007

A. Call to Order

The Williamson County Board of Education met in special called session on Thursday, October 4, 2007, in the Carolyn Campbell Conference Room at the Administrative Complex. Chairman Gary Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Members Present8

D'Wayne Greer	1 st District	- - -	7 th District
Janice Mills	2 nd District	Pat Anderson	8 th District
- - -Vacant-	3 rd District	- - -	9 th District
- - -Vacant-	4 th District	Bill Peach	10 th District
Gary Anderson	5 th District	Mark Gregory	11 th District
Terry Leve	6 th District	James Bond	12 th District

Members Absent2

Sina Miller	7 th District	Barry Watkins	9 th District
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B. Unfinished Business

- Seek Approval for Condemnation of Property for Southern Middle School

Chairman Anderson called on Superintendent Sharber, who discussed the search for school sites in the county and the current difficulty in finding a willing seller with a suitable site for a middle school in the southern area of the county where so much growth and development is taking place. Superintendent Sharber requested that the Board exercise its right of eminent domain for a property believed to be suitable for construction of a middle school and an additional property necessary for road access to that potential school site.

There was discussion regarding how the district searched for sites and the various things that make a site not desirable for a school such as problems with drainage, terrain, elevation, etc. Kevin Fortney, Director of Facilities and Construction, described a 900 +/- acre site currently for sale which has been selected as the best potential site, but noted that due diligence studies on the site would be necessary after access to the property was obtained to determine what, if any, portion of the large tract would meet the needs of the district. Mr. Fortney also pointed out a second parcel necessary for access to the potential school site.

Mr. Fortney noted that geotechnical and environmental studies would be conducted on the sites prior to closing on the properties.

There was discussion about the urgency of moving forward with a site selection as well as the need to also seek funding from the County Commission for a new high school site in the southern area.

Pat Anderson moved to approve authorizing the district staff to begin eminent domain proceedings for condemnation of the Alexander site and the John Maher Builders, Inc. site. James Bond seconded the motion.

Chairman Anderson asked for a recommendation from Superintendent Sharber, who recommended approval of the motion.

Chairman Anderson called for a roll call vote on the motion.

D'Wayne Greer	Yes	Sina Miller	---
Janice Mills	Yes	Pat Anderson	Yes
---Vacant---		Barry Watkins	---
---Vacant---		Bill Peach	Yes
Gary Anderson	Yes	Mark Gregory	No
Terry Leve	Yes	James Bond	Yes

Action: Yes, 7; No, 1; Abstain, 0; Motion Carried.

C. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Gary B. Anderson, Chairman

Dr. Rebecca S. Sharber, Director of Schools