

CKIA Board Meeting October 9, 2018 / 7:00pm  
Carl Sandburg Elementary, Centennial, CO  
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1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by moderator, Seth Jones, at 7:03 pm. Seth explains how the meeting will proceed, with the first half discussing two ballot items Local Bond 4A and Amendment 73, and the second half as the scheduled CKIA Board Meeting. Meeting attended by Diane Doney, Chief Financial Officer for LPS; Kathleen Ambron, Director of Elementary Education; Betty Timmer of the Long Range Planning Committee; Kristi Copp for Citizens Initiative for LPS and Sandberg's Principal Karen Tarbell.

2. Seth introduces Mr. Brian Ewert, LPS Superintendent, who present on Local Bond 4A & State Funding Initiative Amendment 73. Mr. Ewert introduced Diane Doney, Kathleen Ambron, Karen Tarvell, Betty Timmer, Kristi Copp and Jack Reitzel.

Mr. Ewert provided some history for context:

- 2008 closure of Ames and Whitman elementary schools. Both buildings repurposed.
- 2010 Recession and Legislature's Negative Factor that provide K-12 funding throughout the state),
- 2012 LPS Board of Ed \$12M mill levy override initiative to increase funding passed.
- 2013 LPS Board of Ed \$80 mil bond initiative passed, which helped Runyon but not all issues
- 2017 Board established Long Range Planning Committee, sleep studies, transportation routes, school boundaries, ADA compliance and to look at our buildings for efficiencies.
- Throughout 1990's-2000's public schools moved away from vocational training putting all students on the college-track. College can lead to great debt, is not the best track for every student and vocational jobs pay well relative to the service/retail industry with training (starting salary at \$45-50k/ year.) Vocational training programs offer students a real living wage after high school.

Mr. Rietzl spoke on behalf of the Long Range committee (comprised of 25 volunteer community members). He explained the average age of LPS buildings is 60 yrs and while the bonds are helpful, they do not get us current in meeting building maintenance/improvements. Jim Stevens, LPS Board member, suggests looking towards the future - that's the reason for the committee. LRPC came up with 3 goals this past August.

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Build new elementary schools with space for 5 classrooms at every grade level:

- Enroll 4 classes at each grade level
- Remaining space for support programs and staff
- Improve operational and instructional efficiency

Address/reduce traffic and boundary challenges. (A districtwide boundary analysis follows passage of bond.)

Build new schools on campuses that can accommodate the new construction while school is in session in order to mitigate transportation and overcrowding in other elementary schools.

Mr. Ewert explained the geography of the district, using a colored map to distinguish the boundaries (catchments) for the schools. Mr. Ewert explained how neighborhoods feed into certain schools, why elementary closings have led to unusually long bus routes and high transportation costs, why our smaller schools with <300 students are not efficient and that elementary schools with 600 students are ideal for efficiency and class-size. He then detailed the strategy to meet LRPC's 3 goals:

Newton MS is having structural failures and accessibility is problematic for students and the adult community as well. Engineers have suggested not to put more money in. New school costs approx. \$30-35 mil and new technology will accommodate expansive soils which have led to the current structural issues. 4A on Ballot will allow a new building be constructed beside the current school that will address ADA issues, transportation/parking issues, renovates tech ed. center, new furniture, and ongoing maintenance concerns. See website presentation attached for schematic which includes a junior stadium of 1,000 capacity (one-third the size of the current LPS stadium)

Ames - 4A will allow a new (larger) elementary school to be built on the current property beside the existing building to accommodate 600 students, parking, and new playground. The preschool that currently occupies the current building would eventually be moved to a renovated Highland building.

Highland/Franklin Campus - Build a new Franklin elementary to accommodate the current Franklin/Highland elementary schools with adequate parking and safer bus transportation

design (for dropoff/pickup). The light at Franklin at Arap. is crucial for transportation - for building there vs. Highland.

Career/Tech Center (across from LHS - the old Schomp building) - at the end of the current tenant's lease, LPS will renovate to create a tech center where more vocational training can be done in close proximity to general high school classes. This allows students to explore tech careers that are in high demand. LPS wants those pathways to offer our students. The building is 50,000 square ft and the lease is very reasonable with relatively low renovation costs to get it class-ready.

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Mr. Ewert will be interested in community input for programming. PTO's have salvaged and created new spaces. District should be responsible for new, safe furniture and spaces. Timelines for Ames, then Franklin properties are laid out.

Costs: Property tax increase. Passing \$298 mil. bond, \$24-49 annually for 100k residential value (a home that is values 400k, there would be \$116-196 increase in property increase). More details on the attached website information.website.

Citizens for LPS' Kristi Copp informed us of opportunities to promote 4A on the weekends to leave door hangers, stickers and yard signs to promote. There will also be phone banks. Asking for help to get word out (use Facebook page).

*[Attached is the LPS website version of the hour-long presentation.]*

**Community Questions:**

1. is building a new structure just to help transportation issues?
  - A: Mr. Ewert says there are many factors, looking long term at a transportation system that is expensive 75k / year per bus. Saving tax payer \$'s. Bond Categories pie chart is online.

2. Why 600 students is ideal vs. smaller schools?

- A: Staffing for art, music, counselors would be able to adequately staff vs. having those staff members moving from school to school

**Amendment 73**

Mr. Ewert explained that the amendment delivers \$23.1 mil annually to LPS. With this measure, public schools are trying to recoup lost funding from the Negative Factor created during the 2010 recession which, among other negative impacts, led to increased class sizes. Amendment 73 affects only those whose tax incomes are above 150k on a graduated scale. C corporations will see a 1.37 tax increase. It reduces non-residential property taxes and sets the residential assessment rate at 7%. Ewert introduces a tax calc on the LPS website which demonstrated only 8 -9 % will be impacted.

**Community Questions/Comments**

1. How would we use \$23 mil. if we got it?

- A: Mr. Rietzl gets up to explain how we would use it: adequate staffing to meet students needs; district wide, free kindergarten; additional mental health support and intervention; additional school days for students; additional days for teachers and staff for training; career and tech. educations programs; focus on innovative teaching; additional safety and security.

2. How it will impact the salary of teachers?

- A: Hopes to increase salary, but we want control over how the money is spent in the district, comes to the local board vs state wide. It will go directly to specific school districts for them to spend as they wish.

3. What is the time frame for 4A?

- A: No longer than 2 years from now, maybe 2021- 2nd semester

4. Will middle school boundaries changed?

- A: LRP will start looking at that. Not sure how those borders will be changed. The elementary schools are more of an issue.

5. What about open enrollment?

- A: It is a state statute. 3k kids come from out of district. We receive their money (backpack funding). If we didn't have their funding, we would have to close more schools. State funding - pull money from the district and then distributed to the district. Kids that have IEP - coming out of district we can't take them. Pot money - the money goes 40 mil BEST Grant (to the whole state), goes to rural school who can't bond tax payers, goes to Dept of Health and Human Services for us, 180k FTD (to work with substance abuse education). If out-of-district leaves after Oct. count, we still receive their money for the full year

6. Colorado is 48th in the country for spending per student. Hopefully this will reduce the frequency of funding requests.

7. In the future, how will this impact the community?

- A: High property values is because of the current standing in the state. Enhances the community, impacts property values go up.

8. How will all the buildings be managed?

- A: Not in house. Bond oversight committee made up of citizens for 73. Auditing, reporting etc.

9. How does Sandburg stand?

- A: Solid 3 round school, full time art, PE, music teachers. 73 would help assist more parapro's, extended kindergarten etc.

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Mr. Ewert concludes his presentation at 8:07. He encourages anyone that may have further questions to reach out to him, and visit the LPS website for information.

Seth thanked Mr. Ewert and all the LPS representatives for attending and presenting the information.

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Break to shift from presentation to regular board meeting

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8:17. Peggy thanks Seth Jones and Stacey Dinkle for facilitating the presentation.

1. Verification of quorum. Approval of September meeting minutes. Steve motions to approve, Seth seconds motion to approve Sept minutes. Approved unanimously.
2. Reports/Updates
  - a. President – Peggy Hanson
    - i. talks about the upcoming Nov 13th General meeting: We will need a minimum of 30 paid dues members to attend. Two votes will happen: 1) to elect 5 board member for expiring seats 2) to vote on proposed bylaw amendments.  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the quorum need to vote in favor of bylaw amendments to pass.
    - ii. Nomination committee is seeking names of residents who would like to help serve on the board. Vacating seats Sue Carlton Smith & Brett East (both re-upping), Keith, Seth and Peggy are leaving. There are 5 expiring seats so we'd like a minimum of 5 nominees whose terms begin Dec 1.
    - iii. SSPRD proposing improvements to Cherry Knolls Park. Public meeting is on Nov 1st at Goodson regarding those improvements.
  - b. Treasurer- Ryan Crawford. Received LPS invoice for meeting spaces. Ryan gives short description of expenses, 70k in revenue, 37k in expenses, which include capital perimeters improvement, for total balance of 91k in account, 10k in reserve.

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3. Business

a. Unfinished Business -

- i. Advisory Committee Update on Proposed Bylaw Amendments (Steve Linger reports) – last month we advised the proposed changes. Proposed changes are to bring the bylaws up to state’s standards.
  - 30 day notice arrived in mailboxes beginning Friday, Sept 28.
  - Vote at the November General Membership meeting. Vote requires a quorum of 30 voting members (paid-dues) at the meeting in order to vote. Adoption requires 2/3 of voting members present to vote in favor.
- ii. Overnight Use of Cherry Field and Park Signage – (Keith Woodward). Keith could not attend meeting. In process of signage, but there will be no overnight this year.
- iii. City of Centennial master plan issues update – (Sue Carlton-Smith reports). The plan will take the form of broad guidelines that will first have to be approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission (Oct 10) and then city council will vote on the plan Nov 15. As things move along, ADU’s will be discussed. There will be no immediate information on ADU’s. All info regarding the Comprehensive Plan is on the Centennial Website.
- iv. Concern over perimeter fence at Salvation Army exit creating dangerously limited sight line – Barbara Shangraw reported. The Long Range committee met and recommends no changes to the existing fence for the following reasons:
  1. There has been no change in this site line for decades.
  2. This isn’t Association property
  3. There have been no complaints per the Salvation Army Church
  4. City is not requiring any change.They suggest a warning sign but the Association would have to ask the property owner’s (Salvation Army) approval.

Board discussion: Board considered and discussed various aspects of the situation including legal responsibility and culpability of bicyclists improperly using the sidewalk to the Association’s role in an issue that doesn’t involve Association property. Ryan G moves to accept the Long Range Planning Committee recommendation. Steve seconds the motion. Unanimously approved. (See September minutes for situation which led to the review by the LRPC.)

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b. New Business -

Sandy Wischmeyer is looking for content for November newsletter. Information needs to be sent no later than Monday 15th Oct. to Brett. Newsletter will cover any holiday community events. Pool Committee will submit content. Seth suggests Stacey Dinkle provide a recap of Brian Ewerts' presentation. Courtney says she will provide the blurb by Friday Oct 12.

b. Austin Coryell is in attendance. Peggy asked him to explain the proactive changes he's making on his property to reduce the number of car accidents at the corner of Colorado Blvd. and Nobles. Austin took down ½ of the bushes along his property so there are better sightlines.

4. Open Discussion/Community Comment - No open discussions or community comments at this time.
5. Adjournment of Board Meeting - Seth moves to adjourn, Steve seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourns at 8:42 pm.