

MINUTES OF THE
Special Meeting of the
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Douglas High School
February 2, 2006
4:30 p.m.

*Minutes Approved on
March 14, 2006*

Present were:

Trustees:

Connie Wennhold	President
John Louritt	Vice President
Teri Jamin	Clerk
Sharla Hales	Member
Keith Roman	Member
Cynthia Trigg	Member

Absent was: Karen Chessell Member

Personnel:

John Soderman	Superintendent
Rick Kester	Director of Business Services
Nancy Bryant	Assistant Superintendent, Education Services

1. Call to Order

Board President Connie Wennhold called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

- A. Mr. Roman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Mr. Louritt made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Ms. Jamin.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6/0.

2. Items Requiring Discussion and Potential Action (Action)

Mrs. Wennhold stated that the meeting was called in order to accept a donation and to decide on naming a facility at Douglas High School.

Mr. Robbe Lehmann, Project Manager for Big George Ventures LLC, approached the Board and handed out a contract that was slightly different than had been provided to the Board earlier. He noted the differences as an attachment of a picture of stadium signage and the addition of lines included on the document for signatures of acceptance.

Mrs. Wennhold asked Mr. Lehmann to begin by reviewing background information on Big George Ventures LLC.

Mr. Lehmann explained that the company was owned by Raymond Sidney and reviewed a fact sheet stating that Mr. Sidney bought a one hundred acre parcel of land on the north end of Douglas County from the BLM with intentions to develop it into approximately three hundred homes. Mr. Lehmann stated Mr. Sidney's personal and business background adding that he

had met him last summer and that they had gone into business together upon the purchase of the land.

Mr. Lehmann stated that Mr. Sidney had been very successful through involvement with the company, Google. He stated they wanted to give to the community through the schools and decided that the Douglas High School track improvements would affect the most people in Douglas County.

Mrs. Wennhold called for questions from Board members. Brief questioning ensued regarding specifics of the company, review of the legal contract, and timing of improvements.

Mrs. Wennhold called for public comment on this issue at 4:50 p.m.

Mr. Swisher, Douglas High School principal, recognized the cooperative efforts of his coaches noting the support involved to significantly improve the athletic facilities.

Cyndi Johnson, a parent from the Lake, reviewed her letter to the Board of January 30, 2006. She noted her excitement to hear of the donation, but expressed concerns of the District not accepting some offers of donations to Lake schools, such as lighting for the Whittell High School football field and a charter bus for their students. She concluded that as the offer was to be to the community, that the two high schools should have a cooperative agreement for use of the new facilities.

Next, Mrs. Wennhold asked for recommendations from District staff.

Mr. Kester addressed the fact that the information received from Mr. Lehmann states there are two plans. He noted that both, Plan A and Plan B could not apply without a bid for the football field to clarify costs. He stated that track bids were due March 2nd (not including the football field) and in order to proceed with the football field, an engineer would need to prepare an addendum to bids that would include work on the football field. Those bids would have to be prepared showing the football field as an alternate bid, giving the district an either/or option, and would have to be prepared within two weeks.

The Board clarified various points noted by Mr. Kester.

Mr. Nivinskus commented that he concurred with Mr. Kester as there were cost variables and he didn't desire to create legal hurdles that might exist without having projected costs on hand, and stated flexibility would need to be built in. He noted one option was delaying the acceptance of the money in order to learn all parameters.

Mrs. Hales made a motion to gratefully and with excitement accept the generous donation from Big George Ventures and endorse the agreed usage plan with the following understandings, seconded by Ms. Jamin:

- 1) The choice between Plan A and Plan B will be made after more information is gathered, including specifically bids for both the track and turf addendum as alternates.
- 2) To maintain optimum flexibility, additional capitol improvement expenditures may be authorized by the School Board.
- 3) The final decision whether or not to include turf will be made by the School Board based upon recommendations from BGV, district staff and public comment.
- 4) Mr. Kester will be the District's authorized point man in this process.
- 5) Mr. Soderman is authorized to execute an agreement concerning un-naming and tax status or lack thereof.

Mrs. Wennhold called for discussion among the Board.

The Board discussed including this topic as an agenda item for the upcoming regular meetings vs. the need to hold any special meetings regarding related improvements and expenditures.

Mrs. Wennhold noted for the record that this agreement does not constitute a name change for the football field. The field would remain Keith Roman Field.

Mrs. Hales noted that she would like to see information brought forth on the pros and cons of the football field turf options, invited ongoing public comment for input as to the decision, and inquired as to asking any public teams or entities for donations for completion if necessary.

Motion carried unanimously, 6/0.

Mr. Nivinskus stated that he had inserted hand written clarification on the agreement to note that the motion was made and adopted this date therefore incorporating the motion into the agreement accordingly.

The agreement was officially signed by all parties at 5:10 p.m.

Public Comment

Mrs. Wennhold called for Public Comment at 5:50 p.m.

Theresa Beeler, a Zephyr Cove Elementary School parent, approached the Board commenting on the staffing decrease for the upcoming school year. She did not support the cut of a teacher from ZCES and stated her concerns included the closure of Kingsbury Middle School that would also effect the student teacher ratios. Her belief was the staffing cut would impact the fourth and fifth grades. She asked that the Board consider having any decisions made in this regard postponed until the new superintendent was hired.

3. Adjournment

Ms. Jamin made a motion to adjourn at 5:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. Roman.
Motion carried by a unanimous vote 6/0.

Submitted by,

Carolyn Moore
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:

Clerk of the Board

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