



MINUTES
BAY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP
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Present: School Board Chair Ginger Littleton; School Board Vice Chair Steve Moss; School Board Member Jerry Register; William V. Husfelt III, Superintendent. School Board Members Ryan Neves, Joe Wayne Walker and Attorney Franklin Harrison were absent.

The workshop was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by School Board Chair Ginger Littleton. She began by thanking the Facilities Department for the hard work they have put into the many projects for Bay District Schools and for being an economic driver in Bay County by utilizing the funding for numerous needed projects and increasing employment in Bay County.

The Superintendent stated that he requested Lee Walters and his staff to share the renovations, security upgrades, and other current projects that the department is currently working on. Blueprints, window frames with bullet resistant glass, security systems, and security upgrade plans were set up around the Board Room on display.

Lee Walters began by introducing his project managers and department. He thanked the Board Members for the opportunity to update them on the progress of several ongoing projects around the district.

Walters shared a PowerPoint beginning with the front office security upgrades. Paul Holland has taken all the secure entrance projects. The first slide shows Rutherford High School's front office with a completion date of August 20, 2018. Tyndall Elementary School will have a completely new secure entrance and lobby. Due to Senate Bill 7026, Educational Facilities Security Grant, and the 5 million dollar loan the School Board approved, work began immediately to secure all entrances.

All schools will have secure controlled entry point, double doors and laminated bullet resistant glass installed. The School Resource Officer (SRO) office will be relocated to the front of each school. C.C. Washington Academy will have a new lobby and the entrance will be relocated facing towards 15th street. Haney Technical Center is a challenge to have one controlled access point. Walters is working to possibly have more than one secure entry. St. Andrew School is an old, historic building and unable to change the character of the building which is a challenge as well.

Moss questioned if the Principals had any input into the redesign of the front lobby areas. Walters stated that they did and some suggestions resulted in changes to the blueprint and design.

The new BDS Emergency Operations Center will be located in Building 10 at Haney Technical Center. Mike Jones has been working with the Bay County EOC to run in conjunction with the county.

Bay Base is in need of secure access points for parents picking up students after school. 16 schools will have secure access, security cameras, and remotely opened for Bay Base personnel, students and parents.

Walters displayed the laminate glass which has a bullet resistant film in between two panes of glass. He played a video of a man swinging a sledgehammer at the glass and it breaks but does not come apart due to the laminate film. Another video shows a baseball bat being used and the bat breaks. A GAC contractor stated that they tried shooting the glass with several firearms and had the same result. The Superintendent stated they are taking safety very seriously and this is one example.

Patterson Elementary School's classrooms are currently being renovated. Current projects are the secure entryway, 5 classrooms, 2 computer labs, new stage curtains, and outside completely painted.

Discussion was held about Mowat Middle School and the challenges of enclosing this campus and FLDOT has taken the teacher's parking lot for the next 5 years. The district recently relocated the parking lot with 112 spaces to the gym area which is far from the front office. The challenge is securing the entrance to one secure access point.

Lynn Haven Elementary School's new cafeterium, funded by the half cent sales tax, will be opening within the first 2 weeks of school. Register questioned the use of the PE area and Walters shared that the school has been given a date it will be available. A new sound system, full stage, led lighting and risers has been installed. A new utility building across the street has been built to support the school.

Deane Bozeman School is receiving a weight room for all the teams to use. It will be located between the gym and the cafeteria.

Five schools have received upgrades to their food serving lines to include new flooring, LED lighting, ceiling tiles, and new equipment. Twelve security camera projects will be finished by the beginning of the school year. The half-cent sales tax has supported these projects. Numerous smaller projects are being completed as well.

Jinks Middle School has been enclosed with a coated chain link fence. The perimeter of JR Arnold has been started and the PreK area has been completely enclosed. The PreK building has a secure entrance and parents are buzzed in to pick up their student. Walters explained that the roofing will need to be addressed for the schools at the beach due to the salt air. Playgrounds are being updated and made ADA Compliant at eight schools.

Blueprints of the Bay High School STEM Building were shown to the School Board. Walters indicated where the secure entrance, common area, Maker's Space, collaborative learning areas and lecture halls are located in the 39,000 sq. ft. two story building. All the technology, equipment room, and elevators, are glass enclosed to show students the mechanics of all the components. Moss questioned the Triumph Funding and Walters stated they are moving forward without the Triumph Funding due to the half-cent sales tax funding.

Callaway and Tyndall Elementary Schools will need expansion due to Tyndall AFB gaining a drone squadron. Plans were rendered to show where the expansion would be located on those campuses.

The last blueprint that was shown to the Board Members was the new Prek – 5th grade Elementary School being built on the beach. It will be a two story building and will house 800 students. The Superintendent stated the beach area continues to grow. The school can be expanded to house up to 8th grade.

With no further business scheduled to come before the Board, Chair Littleton adjourned the School Board Workshop at 11:23 A.M.



Ginger Littleton
Chair



Bill Husfelt
Superintendent