

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2015
PUBLIC SCHOOLS OVERCROWDING &
REPAIR NEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

1. Opening Items

a. Call to Order

The meeting of the Public Schools Overcrowding & Repair Needs Committee was called to order at 9:20 a.m. at the Washoe County Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Caucus Room, Reno, Nevada.

b. Roll Call & Introductions

Chairman Shaun Carey and Committee Members Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Bridget Burckhard, Anthony Carano, Mike Cate, Mike Kazmierski, Greg Peek, Dylan Shaver, Kevin Sigstad, Senator Debbie Smith, and Len Stevens were present. Committee members County Commissioner Marsha Berkgigler, Dana Galvin, Josh Hicks, Todd Koch were absent from the meeting.

2. Public Comment

Fred Boyd remarked that there were a couple of aspects of construction costs that should be considered. He urged the committee to determine if less expensive schools could be built and why there were such large estimates for the construction of schools in the region when other high schools build across the country were done so with fewer dollars. He also wondered if it would be possible for the School District to sell the newer schools and then lease them back so they would not be responsible for the maintenance costs. The District could eventually buy the schools back when funds were available.

3. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

c. Presentation, discussion and possible action to accept the information presented on current and proposed tax revenue options to fund school construction as authorized and explained by Senate Bill 411

Tom Ciesynski, Chief Financial Officer, Washoe County School District, introduced Mr. Marty Johnson, who was the District's financial advisor. He was a respected presenter on legislative finance issues and worked with most of government entities in Nevada.

Marty Johnson, JNA Consulting Group, LLC., presented the committee with information on the current tax revenue and bond rollover program for the School District. He provided brief overviews on the different rates of the various local taxes

learning more about and provide him the information so the presentation could focus on what the Committee was most interested in learning about. He requested an information presentation from Committee Member Mike Kazmierski on potential growth projections from the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN).

Senator Smith requested additional information on the ability of school districts to participate in ballot questions.

Mr. Shaver noted that it would be critical for a timeline to be developed for the Committee. He was concerned that too many requests would place a limit on what the Committee could accomplish and wanted to see them start to focus on the amount of money that should be considered and how to get to that figure.

4. Public Comment

Bill Horn expressed concern that information was not being presented to the community on agenda items related to overcrowding. He felt the only way a “yes” vote on any ballot question could be achieved was through the creation of trust with the community, which was not currently occurring. Additional collaboration needed to occur with all political entities in the area on how to solve the problem, including the state, county, and cities.

5. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to come before the members of the committee, Chairman Carey declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Shaun Carey, Chair

Future Agenda Items

As Requested by the Public Schools Overcrowding & Repair Needs Committee
As of October 27, 2015

Suggested agenda item	Status
Tax Analysis - overview of sources, rates, revenue, debt service, and regional comparisons	Presented 9/25 Continuation on 10/9
National landscape of alternative school models including efficiencies, multitrack, and out of the box thinking	Presented on 10/23
Update on current and projected enrollment and expected policy & operational implications	Presented 10/9
Presentation of the District's vision and cost for school construction for the future as presented to the Board of Trustees on 11/18	Scheduled for 11/20
Cost of School construction from a policy perspective (building codes, essential building standards for shelter in place, durability, standardized systems to lower maintenance, and cost of local government standards. How to build them cheaper, are we building the right model schools in the face of changing city zoning and density	Scheduled for 11/6
Household impact and sensitivity analysis of socio-economic categories of eligible revenue sources	
Other counties models to fund school construction and how our tax efforts compare	Presented 9/25
Academic impact of overcrowding – national and local perspective	
Impacts to schools if no additional funding is provided	Scheduled for 11/20
EDAWN economic update	Presented 10/9
Potential and need for corporate partnerships	
Fiscal impact of the 2015 legislation session – new revenue for academic programs (full day k, class size, zoom schools, mental health professionals	Presented 9/25
Overview of NRS 281A.520 and SB 380 from the 2015 Legislative Session regarding District involvement in ballot questions	
Campaign Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of the likelihood of success • If failure, then what? • Sensitivity of the public to taxes • And how to increase the likelihood of success • Who's the opposition • Ability and desire for polling • Analysis of a yes vote vs. no vote • Sample ballot questions 	

Name

Shawn Melady-Suda

Comment

I have children attending schools in Sparks and I am concerned with the overcrowding issue and the need to build and repair schools.

I have been brainstorming some ideas to help raise money and would very much like your input.

Any amount of money donated would be a positive thing, right? So why not take a look at this website? <http://www.charitablevending.com/wfData/files/charity.pdf>

It's nice because you can add your own fundraiser logo of choice directly on the machines. Just take a look at this website. It's a great option and there is no cost to any business that agrees to have them at their location or to the fundraiser at all. 10% of all proceeds go directly to the fundraiser. They also have donation bins for receiving items as well. You receive 100% from the Donation boxes at each location can be used to have a huge community sale. People love community sales! You can receive as many machines needed. Place them at every school, every business that will allow them and 10 percent of proceeds going directly to the school. You can even have the machines filled with whatever items you choose. This will allow people to have easy access to donate, especially if they are in their face and everywhere. Its a great time of year to do this as people have a larger heart and are more giving. I don't know about you...but I always donate daily even if its just a penny...it all adds up!