

Weld RE-5J Facility Improvements Task Force Meeting Notes March 14, 2018

Agenda:

Review objectives
Review/discuss survey results
Presentation on voter data
Anonymous vote
Discuss BOE report recommendations
Review timeline
Next Steps / Wrap-up

Meeting Summary:

Superintendent Foster opened the meeting by sharing back the norms that the Task Force developed in its December meeting. He also reminded the Task Force about the three committees (DAC, DLT, and the Facility Improvements Task Force), each with distinct charges, working toward recommendations on potential November 2018 ballot initiatives.

The objectives of this meeting were to review community input and vote on preliminary Task Force recommendations. Task Force members were previously encouraged to attend the March 7 Board of Education meeting (or watch it virtually) to hear a presentation on the perception survey results. While these results were provided to Task Force members in advance of the March 14 meeting, an abbreviated survey presentation was given at the meeting itself and members were encouraged to ask questions. In addition, a brief presentation was provided on the makeup of voter precincts in the school district.

After these presentations, the Task Force co-chairs asked for consensus on eliminating the Package 3 option from further consideration by the Task Force given survey data. There was no dissent, so the co-chairs asked members to vote on whether the Task Force should recommend Package 1, Package 2, or no packages. The outcome was as follows:

- Package 1: 1
- Package 2: 13
- None: 3

Aligned with the Task Force's norms, members were asked if they wished speak up and lobby for Package 1 or option of "none." Members cited concerns with "sticker shock," not enough in the packages for elementary schools, and questions about STEM and alternative options for the use of STEM program funding. There was a majority consensus that the Task Force would move forward with

recommendations in favor of Package 2 with some adjustments to include elementary school projects and keeping the tax impact within the range that a majority of survey participants said they would be willing to pay, or the cost they believed was fair for others to pay.

The Task Force was also asked about whether they favored an additional, scientific poll, to further predict voter preferences. Arguments were provided for and against a poll. The Task Force's opinion was that, given the cost and potential downsides, they would not recommend that the board commission a poll.

A timeline, including BOE recommendations on 5/9 and a community meeting on 5/17, was reviewed. The Task Force will have an optional working session on April 18, 2018 to review a draft of the recommendations to be presented to the board.