

Questions regarding the school project

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Town:

1. What are the commercial market appraisals for the three elementary school buildings/grounds?
2. What are the plans to sell or lease the properties if we go with plan D?
3. We would like to see an analysis of best use of the properties:
 - a. Potential uses: i.e., police station, fire station, BOE offices, senior center, etc.?
 - b. Renovation, maintenance and operating costs for above uses
 - c. What zoning issues will arise with a change in use of the current properties?
 - d. What is the current zoning and what potential changes would be needed to put them to other uses?
4. What are the costs of "mothballing" the three properties?
5. Do we have state reimbursement options for roofs and windows in plans A, B, C?
6. When will the public be informed and their opinions/input solicited for the determination of which option to follow?
7. Can we have a list of all potential bonding issues facing the town in the next five years?
8. Who makes the final decision on which option is put forward?

Developer:

1. How firm are the plans in regards to size and number of classrooms, or is this preliminary?
2. How many classrooms do we currently have at each grade level and would we have in the building from plan D?
3. What is the square footage of the classrooms in each of the options (A, B, C, D)

School Board:

1. Given Mansfield's reputation for quality education that has enticed many families to move into town, we would like to see the data supporting larger elementary schools that reflects not only student achievement, but also the issues of socialization, ego development and parental involvement.
2. We would like to see an analysis/plan of resolution to the bussing issues involved in option D that would make adherence to the "45 Minute" mandate possible. Would this plan require more buses and more drivers, and therefore a higher than current cost?

Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2010 1:51 PM
To: Sara-Ann Chainé
Subject: Re: Response Requested: Questions for Special Meeting

Hi Sara-Ann,

I have a couple:

1. I am not persuaded that a single school at Southeast will not increase the bussing cost substantially. I'd like to see some analysis as to that subject (not Rick'd field, I know, but still a pertinent question).
2. How would the proposed location at Southeast impinge on the neighborhood behind the school?

That's all for now.

Bill

----- Original Message -----

From: Sara-Ann Chainé
To: Town Council
Cc: Matthew W. Hart ; Maria E. Capriola
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2010 10:56 AM
Subject: Response Requested: Questions for Special Meeting

Council:

Rick Lawrence from the Lawrence Associates has asked the Board of Education and the Council to email their questions in advance of the Special Meeting on Monday, 1/11. This will allow him the time to do adequate research, comparisons, etc. and respond in a more meaningful way.

Please email your questions to me if you are able and I will be sure to send them on to Rick.

- Sara-Ann

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