

LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

30 NOVEMBER 2016

OLA HIGH SCHOOL

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

David Shedd, Kim Johnson, Natalie Sledge, Alan Coleman, Sloane Jinks, Kevin Bagley, Rosemary Ahonen, Josh Malcom

Ms. Jinks called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Review of last Month's meeting minutes. Ms. Jinks made a motion to accept last month's minutes, the motion was seconded by Ms. Johnson.

Inspiration-conducted by Ms. Ahonen, a short narrative on Positive Thinking, which was a direct reference from a former student on the power of positive thinking.

Mr. Shedd began the meeting by reviewing current events in both Ola High School and the local community.

Mr. Shedd stated that Mr. Malcom, Facilities Superintendent was asked to attend today's meeting at the council's request to discuss building improvements and conditions.

Mr. Malcolm stated OHS was in SPLOST Group 9. Classroom carpeting would be removed and replaced with a rubber tile flooring. Technology-all rooms will have a Boxlight interactive projector. Larger items include a multipurpose gym building. The Group 9 design will begin late Fall 2017, bidding will begin Winter 18, and construction should begin Spring 2018.

Mr. Malcolm stated there might be a need to place trailers temporarily at OHS during the carpet replacement. Turf will be replaced immediately after the 2017 football season. Soccer, Lacrosse, and Track will need to be relocated. Field will be completed for graduation 2018 on the new field. Mr. Shedd raised concerns, along with many council members about seating capacity in the stadium. OHS currently does not have enough seating for stadium events. Mr. Malcolm stated that he was willing to come and do a study to see if improvements could be made. CTAE- Public Safety should have a "courtroom type" classroom. An orchestra room added. Mr. Malcolm stated that all plans have to be approved by the State, and the State does not look fondly upon storage areas not used for educational purposes. Mr. Malcolm stated the new gym would be located either in front of, or behind our old gym. The Strings Room will also be added near the current band room. Mr. Shedd inquired about enlarging the current weight room space.

Ms. Jinks asked if overages from improvements from other facilities would possibly cause OHS to move from their current SPLOST position to a later SPLOST. Mr. Malcolm stated that OHS would remain on SPLOST schedule regardless of any whether or not any other projects went over budget. Mr. Malcolm stated that it would take approximately one to one and one half years to complete these projects.

Transportation Issues-Widening the roads in front of the school are a county issue. Road improvements will have to be addressed through Henry County DOT and the local board of commissioner Gary Barham. The school system is not involved with road improvements outside of the school campus.

Mr. Malcolm stated that opening the new Henry County High School would not affect attendance lines for OHS, LG, or Union Grove.

Mr. Shedd reviewed current OHS data. Grade data was reviewed covering the last several years.

Discipline was reviewed.

Disciplinary Hearings are down from 11 to 9 this year. County wide, hearings are up across the county. The most common hearings are for drugs, sexual misconduct. Marijuana is the #1 drug offense.

Mr. Shedd stated he was working with our Mustang TV to implement Drug Awareness and Dangers public service announcements. He also stated that the school did act upon legitimate tips that were brought to the school's attention, and would continue to address concerns as they received them.

OHS will join the Personalized Learning rollout for school year 2018/2019. The goal is to get our students prepared for whatever they choose to do after high school. He stated his vision would be that we have several mini school programs within our building. Mr. Shedd stated that he would not have our school working as an online academy only, but did wish to provide options for student learning.

Mr. Shedd reviewed the School District's Strategic Plan. The information comes from the CCRPI data. Mr. Shedd noted concerns to Mr. Pickett for target goals for 2017. Mr. Shedd stated OHS was fine, but some of the levels of growth appeared to be unrealistic for some schools. The conversation was that high expectations were expected but we did have to have realistic targets. Mr. Shedd asked members to review the plan and email their thoughts about the goals to Mr. Shedd to forward to Mr. Pickett. The consensus of the LSC team was that set increases in growth appeared to be significant.

Focus Area Information data relating to CCRPI. All school systems are in a contract with the State to be either a status quo, a charter, or a strategic waiver school system. Henry county chose to become a Strategic Waiver system. The CCRPI data to be released next week will become our baseline. We must increase at a rate of 3% annually. There are two other ways to meet growth. 1. Remain in the top quartiles of schools in the state, which we currently are, or 2. Beating the Odds formula.

Ms. Jinks made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ms. Sledge.