

**SUMMARY: Community Advisory Committee
October 2006**

The vast majority of topics discussed by the Community Advisory Committee ended in consensus, or nearly so. This includes additional classroom space, a large 1-5 elementary school configuration, an expanded preschool program, a new district stadium, a new district operations center, a new technical education center, and an auditorium addition at the high school.

These proposals were revisited by the Community Advisory Committee in February 2007 and a final package was presented to the Eudora Board of Education in March 2007.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Group decision(s)

- >The school district should pursue a traditional preschool program, thereby expanding its current offerings.
All in favor
- >The current PEP preschool program is sufficient.
(No support was recorded.)

Additional comments

- ⇒ It was noted that there is a shortage of traditional preschool programs in the community.
- ⇒ The group agreed that this should not be day care; rather, an expanded program should be a part of the educational mission of the district.

NOTTINGHAM ELEMENTARY

Group decision(s)

- >Nottingham Elementary should not continue to be used as an elementary school.
All in favor
- >Nottingham Elementary should continue to be used as an elementary school
(No support was recorded.)

Additional comments

- ⇒ More difficult than the NES decision is the decision about the adjacent Laws Field.
- ⇒ It is recommended that the Laws portion of this site be maintained for public use.

GRADE LEVEL CONFIGURATIONS

Group decision(s)

>A school serving as many as 200 students per grade in a “pod” type of layout is the best plan to address the district’s growth and the community needs.

Nearly all in favor

>A school serving as many as 200 students per grade in a “pod” type of layout is not the best plan to address the district’s growth and the community needs.

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Additional comments

- ⇒ As a whole, the group is not in favor of dividing the community into K-5 centers that serve different geographic regions of the community.
- ⇒ The site selection is of great importance to some members and is closely tied to those members’ support of the plan – many believe that the new school should be north of K-10.
- ⇒ It was noted that an advantage of the large 1-5 center would be the ability to further delay the need to reorganize the schools along geographic boundaries within the community.

SCHOOL SIZE / ARRANGEMENT

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AUDITORIUM ADDITION AT EHS

Group decision(s)

>An auditorium seating nearly 1,000 people should be added to the high school, adjacent to the commons area.

Vast majority in favor, a few were undecided or neutral

>An auditorium should not be added to the high school.

(No support was recorded.)

Additional comments

- ⇒ It was noted that auditoriums are a great expense and that adequate planning should be done so that the money passed in the bond does not run out before the project can be completed.
- ⇒ It also was noted that an auditorium could enrich the programming and education for the Eudora community at large.

HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION

Group decision(s)

- >An addition to the high school should add two pods for additional classroom space.
 - *All in favor*
- >The current EHS facilities are adequate.
(No support was recorded.)

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION

Group decision(s)

- >An addition to the middle school should add a 6th grade pod and enlarge/enhance the commons area.
 - *All in favor*
- >The current EMS facilities are adequate.
(No support was recorded.)

TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Group decision(s)

- >A new facility should be constructed on the EHS/EMS campus to house and consolidate the district's technical education offerings.
 - *All in favor*
- >The current facilities used for technical education are adequate.
(No support was recorded.)

Additional comments

- ⇒ Several members commented that it was important to them to eliminate the cross-town travel currently required of students who are enrolled in the tech classes.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS CENTER

Group decision(s)

- >A different facility is needed for the central office, transportation center, buses, etc.
 - *All in favor*
- >The current facilities used for operations are adequate.
(No support was recorded.)

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STADIUM

Group decision(s)

- >A new stadium should be built west of the current EHS building.
All in favor
- >Laws is adequate and should continue to be used as the district stadium.
(No support was recorded.)

Additional comments

- ⇒ There is a concern for the safety of children and patrons at the current facility.
- ⇒ While the committee did not express the desire to continue to use Laws as the district stadium, a large majority of the members concluded that the Laws site should be maintained for public recreational use.

FUTURE OF WEST ELEMENTARY

Group decision(s)

- >West should be used as a center for preschool and kindergarten, with the necessary minor renovations.
All in favor
- >West should be retained for other uses.
(No support was recorded.)