

1/23/17 Referendum update to the Board and our community (From Mr. Schigur)

Wanted to make some points of clarity for everyone about the difference between an operational and a capital referendum

-Operational Referendum: Used for operations. Staffing and programming. We had a \$2 million dollar operational deficit, which is why we went to the operational referendum request of voters. The 2.5 million dollars voters approved on Nov. 8th were for operations.

80% of those dollars, or approximately \$2 million dollars annually will go towards maintaining and improving our existing programming. The additional monies were to be used for operating a new high school if it passed.

As we have always done, what we will do with those unspent monies that now won't be used for (or in this case, approximately \$500,000 will be put toward addressing needs on our capital improvements and maintenance plan. Stephen Schantz will talk about what those needs on the list are, and which ones he anticipates on completing this year with those additional funds.

Tim references website page, and uses these terms:

- Capital Improvements and Maintenance Plan (budgeted money)
- Prioritized Shovel Ready Projects (Saved money from operations put toward capital projects)

Our work to date set on the solution

-The solution of a new high school is the solution that will reduce overcrowding in all schools. It is the solution that has been twice identified, including a unanimous recommendation from a citizen advisory committee in June of 2016, as the solution that ensures we can make things better in ALL of our schools.

Answering understandable questions, providing more detail, trying to save taxpayers money through new partnerships. -In following the Board's direction, here is what I've done to date

Meeting with the City: -Great conversation with AI from the City. Future meetings to be scheduled to get specific answers about utilities and roads. They will need a "site plan"

Development of Site Plan: Directed PRA and HS Administration to begin developing a site plan, so that the City could have what it needs, and our public will have more specificity in the plan.

Pool Partnership With YMCA: Excellent meeting with Tom Den Boer from the YMCA. A significant development is the potential for the YMCA wishing to be a partner with the District, and that the pool would be at the site of a new high school, with the district still maintaining pool operations with the potential for cost savings for both partners coming on the capital investment into the pool. It is this substantial change that has caused us to revisit that issue with the YMCA.