

Kiel Area School District

Pool Committee Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2014

Members Present:

Corey Baumgartner, Don Mogenson, Cory Henschel, Geoff Bray, Larry Bray, Dr. Blankenheim, Kevin Schwinn, Klaudia Schnell, Scott Weir, Michelle Blaha, Lee Watson, Sheila Lefebber

Overview

Dr. Blankenheim welcomed everyone and explained how this committee came to be. She reviewed the timeline and indicated that no date has been set for going to referendum.

Bray Architects shared four different options with plans that the committee will research and review.

- 1) Renovate existing 6 lane pool add viewing area
- 2) 8 lane pool replacement in existing space add pool viewing area
- 3) New 8 lane pool located somewhere on high school site, renovate existing pool area into another school use.
- 4) Do nothing

Options 1 and 2 would close the pool during construction. Option 3 would allow for continued pool use during construction. Option 4 would still have costs associated with it.

Dr. Blankenheim shared that the current pool is 42 years old, has structural cracks, and major HVAC issues. Any repairs to the pool would be very costly and there are no guarantees that it will extend the life expectancy of the pool (40 years). A pool audit was also conducted.

Larry Bray shared other pool work they have done and shared the differences between community use and competition use of pools. Most schools who have pools for competition have 8 lanes.

Below are comments/questions/concerns from committee members:

- Lack of spectator seating for hosting bigger events
- Length of time pool will be down for construction
- Heating controls within pool and viewing areas
- All swim lanes must be observable from viewing area
- Having ramp access to pool.....will be more attractive to community

Option 2 was then discussed – 8 lane with ramp

- Savings would be from locker rooms
- Old structure completely removed and replaced
- Just fits into current space
- Upper viewing for seating only or multi-purpose use
- Viewing area open or behind glass (glass provides a barrier to the team.....no connection during meets)
- 2 HVAC systems will be in place.....1 for pool area and the other for the viewing area
- How much seating is needed
- Floor seating for swimmers
- Current locker rooms would remain.....could be remodeled
 - Need to review codes and make sure compliant
- Lockers currently shared with fitness center
- Need price difference between 6 and 8 lane

Option 3 – new 8 lane pool located elsewhere

- Depending on location will impact cost
 - Service costs vs additional parking costs
 - Cheaper for parking
- Need to look at all possible locations for new pool
- Can locker rooms be incorporated into current exercise area
- HVAC, sprinkler system, and electrical all need major upgrades
- 2 story building is an option
- Is an indoor track viable
- Need to cost options for each location and then discuss advantages/disadvantages for each location
- Cost to renovate existing pool space

The committee discussed how many options to go forward with along with seating capacity. The consensus was to have all options costed out and brought back to committee to discuss the pros and cons of each option to determine final recommendation to the Board. Seating capacity would begin at 500 plus floor seating for swimmers. This number may be adjusted, if needed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for early May.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.