

Discussion followed. Committee members discussed the administrative recommendations in particular, the Johnson Sr. High School's project of a proposed 8-lane track.

At this time, Ms. Street-Stewart stated the Committee would move to the 7:00 time certain agenda item for discussion.

2. Project Labor Agreements – *action*

Mr. Brodrick stated as a member of the Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee (JPTAC), he became aware of Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) implemented by the county. After conducting further research on this subject, Mr. Brodrick proposed the school district implement a policy patterned after that of the County that is similar to what other school districts around the metropolitan area have also done.

Presentation by Staff: Mr. Quinn explained that Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) direct staff to seek advice from a number of interested parties before starting a project. He remarked the district had used Project Labor Agreements on several projects that include, Harding High School, Cross Roads Elementary School, Cross Winds Middle School and John A. Johnson School. He stated PLAs are good for the district because they can prevent strikes against district projects. Mr. Quinn asked if the Committee chooses to implement this policy to allow him to revise it a little so it is not as formal as Ramsey county's. He also asked the Committee to consider very carefully those projects that would be covered by PLAs because it could become an overwhelming administrative burden. Mr. Quinn added in preparation for this meeting and at the Committee's request written invitations were sent out to the Associated Builders and Contractors, the Associated General Contractors, National Association of Minority Contractors Upper Midwest, and the St. Paul Building and Trades Council, some of whom were in the audience. Jeffrey Lalla, Board Council, explained the purpose of PLAs to the district, and the process the district should follow to implementation.

Committee member discussion followed: Mr. Conlon asked to hear the pros and cons from people on both sides of this issue, and other considerations the Committee should be aware of before considering a policy on this.

Community comments: Contractors and organizations for and against PLAs made their presentations and distributed literature.

After further discussion the following motions were made:

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Conlon that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve formation a three (3) member board task force which will reflect upon what the Committee heard from the various perspectives, request more information from staff about when the district used these Project Labor Agreements (PLAs), and on what basis decisions were made - versus going outside the district. Administration can obtain more information about the county's experience, and talk to the Board's attorney about the most appropriate process the Committee might follow to proceed.

Mr. Oertwig offered an amendment to the motion that "staff prepare a policy for a first reading based upon the content of the current County policy." Seconded by Mr. Brodrick.

Mr. Conlon spoke against the motion because he thinks the Committee should not take a stand on this without all the information needed to make a neutral decision.

Mr. Oertwig reworded his amendment to the motion that was seconded by Mr. Brodrick as follows:

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig and seconded by Mr. Brodrick that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve that staff prepare its recommendation for procedure or policy, including but not limited to Ramsey County's model.

Amendment Passed

Mr. Conlon opposed the amendment

The following motion was made:

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Brodrick that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve the creation of a task force to examine, in consultation with staff, information reported at the meeting, including but not limited to Ramsey County's model and review the history of PLAs used in the district.

Motion Passed.

Mr. Conlon voted against the motion because of the restriction of competition and costs. He said there may be some benefits but he thinks the Committee is being biased and therefore he cannot support the motion.

At this point, Ms. Street-Stewart concluded the Committee's discussion on the PLA agenda item.

Capitol Bonds (continued)

The Committee resumed discussion on the Administration's and CEAC's recommendations for capitol bond school projects.

After further clarification and discussion by district staff and the Committee on specific school projects, the following motions were made:

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Conlon and seconded by Mr. Oertwig that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve that the district not proceed with 8-lane track at Central High School or Johnson High School until committee's, administration, and athletic directors look at issues and come back to the Committee of the Board and the CEAC with recommendations for action within two months.

Motion Passed.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig and seconded by Ms. Carter that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve all the items recommended by administration and CEAC with the exception of Open School, Linwood School, and Central High School's Field House (Jimmie Lee).

Motion Passed.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Brodrick that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve the following projects as proposed by Administration: Open School and Linwood A+ School.

Motion Passed.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Conlon and seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education support and approve funding a second gymnasium at Central High School (Jimmie Lee).

After further discussion, Mr. Conlon called for question. Ms. Street-Stewart requested a vote on Mr. Conlon's motion. **The above stated motion failed on a 5 to 2 vote.**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Brodrick and seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve CEAC members continue to meet through the expiration of their terms and bring to the Board the process for next year, and share with the Board information on orientation for new CEAC members.

Motion Passed.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Brodrick and seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve that administration shall report to the Board, annually, on capitol bond projects completed that year with final total cost.

Motion Passed.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Ms. Carter that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve Mr. Brodrick as chair of the PLA task force, and Ms. Street-Stewart and Mr. Conlon as members of the task force.

Motion Passed.

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by Ms. Street-Stewart, Committee Chair.

Respectfully submitted by
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Saint Paul Board of Education