



Racine Unified School District
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Board of Education

RACINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WORK SESSION

Dennis Wiser, President

Gretchen L. Warner, Clerk

Racine, Wisconsin

September 17, 2012

A Special Board meeting of the Board of Education of the Racine Unified School District of Racine County, Wisconsin began at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2012, with the following members present: Pamala Handrow, Melvin Hargrove, Susan F. Kutz, Julie L. McKenna, Don J. Nielsen, Kim Plache, William S. Van Atta and Dennis Wiser. Absent: Gretchen L. Warner.

Also present: Ann Laing, Superintendent of Schools; Dave Hazen, Chief Financial Officer; Wayne Rasmussen, Electronics Technician; Cheryl Herman, Secretary, Purchasing Department; Darlene Gallup, Executive Assistant.

The purpose of the meeting was a work session. The subject of the work session was:

1. Board Room Facilities

Comments/questions/discussion points included:

What do you need to see in a board room? (Acoustics function, visual look, etc.)

- Need to revisit which room to use
- Need modesty panels on the desks/stations
- Need wires on floor to be gone, e.g., raised floor so wires are housed/tracked underneath
- Would be difficult to put a raised floor in Atrium. Mygatts Room would be ideal for this.
- Don't have audience sitting behind the board members
- Projection system would be difficult in Atrium – reason: four columns obstructing views.
- Use of Smartboards? TV monitors were discussed instead. There are similar options available but it depends on the cost
- Don't want modesty panels stuck on. I want something that looks nicer and a more permanent like municipal boards use.
- Would like at least one drawer for board members to use for continuously used items (binders, etc.)
- Consider which room is going to be least expensive for acoustics? Mygatts Room.
- Carpeting would help lower the echoing issue.
- It was noted the designer preferred the Mygatts room but they will do either room
- Mygatts Room originally was set to have a folding door like in the old ASC. That can happen, it would be difficult to do in the Atrium
- Right now it takes a minimum of 90 minutes to do just the cable set up. Also takes time to take it all down. The more we move equipment around, the quicker they break down -this goes for the furniture as well.
- Atrium is used a lot for professional development. Mygatts would not take away valuable meeting space if a permanent set up is chosen.
- Mygatts and Atrium are the only two rooms available for board meetings because of size

- A permanent set up will look more like a municipal board
- Hope the walls and windows would be made to look more presentable in the Mygatts room
- Would like to see more permanent set up for public seating so there is less time spent setting that up as well. Takes a lot of time to put up and take down audience chairs.
- How much is the lunch room used by staff? Maybe 9 – 15 people per day.
- Need better conference call in capabilities. This can be done with a permanent set up of equipment
- How long would it take to set up a permanent situation? A day for the floor but depends on the choices made – maybe two to three months total.
- If Mygatts Room is used, need to have darkening shades for use with projections
- Would like better visuals – something Smartboard-like
- Need public to be able to see the visuals
- We need a mailbox for board members
- Need to think about the presentation issues, e.g., monitors at each board member place and on the walls as well
- Do it once and do it right
- Need electrical outlets for each board member
- Consider decreasing the arc of board table configuration?
- Give board members more space than they currently have at their places.

Mrs. Gallup will keep a running list of items to consider and discuss.

No action was taken by the Board.

The work session was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.