Lee’s Summit R-7 School District Nov. 17, 2014
Citizens’ Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS:
• 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12 – Legislative platform and issues.
• All day on Wednesday, Jan. 21 – TENTATIVE trip to Jefferson City with CAC, Business Roundtable and Board of Education.
• 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16 – TENTATIVE Legislative Forum with Business Roundtable.
• 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, topic to be determined based on survey.

CAC Talking Points from Oct. 30 Meeting
• CAC members heard a presentation from Dr. McGehee and Dr. Blevins regarding a proposed April 2015 no-tax-increase bond issue, including construction of a new Summit Technology Academy / Missouri Innovation facility (in partnership with the University of Central Missouri) as well as school facility improvement projects and deferred maintenance projects.
• The proposed bond issue would total $40 million with approximately $16 million for STA/MIC, approximately $21 million for deferred maintenance and critical projects at school sites and $3 million designated for non-allocated contingency/fees for all projects.
• The school facility improvements and the deferred maintenance projects were developed using a 2012 architects’ audit of all schools focusing on facility needs and with input from each school’s principal.
• CAC members worked in small groups and provided feedback on the projects. Each group presented briefly on their recommendations, and poster boards including written feedback were collected and are being shared with the Superintendent’s Leadership Team.
• Feedback from the CAC as well as Business Roundtable and PTA Council will go to the Superintendent’s Leadership Team (SLT) with a recommendation for the Board of Education finalized through the SLT.
• It is anticipated that the Board of Education’s Jan. 22 meeting agenda will include a decision item regarding the proposed no-tax-increase bond issue.

Members attending
CAC members attending included Chairperson Kent Kirby, Assistant Chairperson Elaine Bluml, Bill Baird, Ron Baker, Dr. Brent Blevins, Dave Boulden, Diane Clark, Don Clements, Dr. Kevin Daniel, Dr. John Faulkenberry, Dr. Roger Fender, Trish Frevert, Eric Gibbs, Jacque Gragg, Terri Harmon, Stephen Hill, Charlie Johnson, Valerie Jones, Dr. David McGehee, Amy Moore, Janice Phelan, Linda Thee, Lisa Vaughn, Sonja Wald, Dorothy Walk, Cheryl Ward and Ying Zurbuchen. Guests included Dr. Katie Collier, assistant superintendent of elementary instruction; and Kyle Gorrell, R-7 director of facilities. The meeting opened at 6:33 p.m. and adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Review April 2015 No-tax-increase bond issue priorities
Dr. David McGehee and Dr. Brent Blevins presented information on a potential April 2015 no-tax-increase bond issue, beginning with information about Summit Technology Academy/Missouri Innovation Campus.
• The current Summit Technology Academy/Missouri Innovation Campus facility totals 42,000 square feet and is located within leased space in a business complex.
• The current lease is at a very favorable rate for the R-7 School District due to an abatement situation involving the business complex. This favorable lease ends in 2018.
• By working in partnership with the University of Central Missouri (UCM), the R-7 School District is considering a no-tax-increase bond issue in April 2015 that would construct a new facility to be used by...
UCM for programs currently housed in leased space at UCM’s Summit Center as well as for the R-7 programs (Summit Technology Academy and Missouri Innovation Campus).

- Currently, R-7 has $40 million in no-tax-increase bonding capacity that would cover the Summit Technology / Missouri Innovation Campus as well as the district-wide projects at schools.
- This proposed bond issue would **NOT** impact the district’s ability to present additional no-tax-increase bond issues in future years for facilities needed due to enrollment growth, such as a fourth middle school, fourth high school and 19th elementary school.
- The proposed $40 million bond issue would include approximately $16 million for STA/MIC, approximately $21 million for deferred maintenance and critical projects at school sites and $3 million designated for non-allocated contingency/fees for all projects.
- The school projects under review include elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, special-education sites and deferred maintenance such as flooring, carpet, painting, roofing, paving, mechanical, windows and playgrounds.
- The school facility improvements and the deferred maintenance projects were developed using a 2012 architects’ audit of all schools focusing on facility needs and with input from each school’s principal.

CAC members met in small groups and reviewed the school site projects and deferred maintenance projects. Four groups provided written feedback as well as a brief verbal report during the meeting. (Please note that all costs listed with the projects are rough estimates and are being finalized within the next few weeks.) The Superintendent’s Leadership Team is taking this feedback as well as feedback from R-7 Business Roundtable and PTA Council to finalize a recommendation to the Board of Education. Plans call for the Board of Education to review this recommendation and make a decision on the April no-tax-increase bond issue at the Board’s Jan. 22 regular meeting.

**Next steps**
Elaine Bluml shared information on a grassroots volunteer committee that would be forming if the Board of Education makes the decision to place the bond issue on the ballot.

**Roundtable/Closing**
Dr. McGehee thanked CAC members for the important feedback provided during the meeting. After a brief roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**Thank you for being a part of the Citizens’ Advisory Committee!!**
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