

Minutes of the Special Called Joint Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Board of Education, Kingsport City Schools
Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 4:00 PM
Tennessee Room – Chamber of Commerce

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Patrick W. Shull

Vice-Mayor Colette George

Alderman Jennifer Adler

Alderman Betsy Cooper

Alderman Darrell Duncan

Alderman Tommy Olterman

Alderman James Phillips

Board of Education

President Carrie Upshaw

Vice-President Eric Hyche

Julie Byers

Todd Golden

Jim Welch

1. CALL TO ORDER


2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

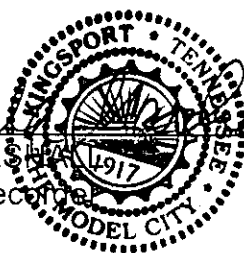
- **Historical Reflection** Dr. Jeff Moorhouse, Superintendent, gave a brief introduction and pointed out that one year from June we be acquiring Sullivan North. Andy True then provided some historical data for newer board members, highlighting the collective needs of the community that put on us on the parallel track we are now on. He described the capacity issues at Dobyys Bennett, too much space in Sullivan County classes and then provided details on the facilities plan from 2014.
- **DeJong-Richter Recommendations** There where three phases of the recommended plan and we are currently in phase one. This phase included the Science and Technology addition at Dobyys Bennett as well as the purchase of Sullivan North which are both complete. Still to come on this phase is the renovating and repurposing at DB and DB Excel which is still ongoing. Once Sullivan North is completed and repurposed as a middle school, renovating Sevier as an elementary school and closing Jackson Elementary, the oldest and most outdated building in the school system. Phases two and three included new construction of both a middle and an elementary school.
- **Request for Qualifications (RFQ)** Dr. Moorhouse asked for guidance on how to proceed on the RFQs that were scheduled to go out. The BMA expressed concern that price of \$1.5 million for the purchase of North was not all inclusive as originally presented last year. Both boards agreed that real numbers were needed in order to move forward and complete phase one and have construction crews ready when we get the keys to be prepared for the 2021-2022 school year.

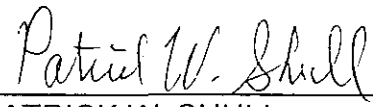
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- **Path Forward** There was considerable discussion. Members of both boards were in agreement that at this time, phases two and three of the original study were practically nonexistent. When phase one was completed, there would be a need for a new study at that point to see if the needs were even still the same at that time. A consistent and clear communication strategy was deemed necessary so the public would be aware of what is happening and how the project is progressing as it goes along.

3. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder




PATRICK W. SHULL
Mayor