

JOINT ASSEMBLY/JSD FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 25, 2023 at 12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar



Zoom Link: <https://juneau.zoom.us/j/81449931245> or 1-253-215-8782 Webinar ID: 814 4993 1245

A. CALL TO ORDER – at 12:02 p.m. by Mayor Weldon

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Read by Ms. Woll

C. ROLL CALL

Members Present

In-person: Mayor Weldon, Ms. Sorensen, and Ms. Woll.

Zoom: Mr. Holst, Ms. Hale, Mr. Muldoon

City & Borough of Juneau Staff Members Present: Katie Koester, EPW Director; Breckan Hendricks, Administrative Officer;

School District Staff Present: Bridget Weiss, Superintendent; Cassee Olin, Director of Administrative Services,

Members not present: Ms. Gladziszewski

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

F. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Summary of April 17, 2023 meeting – by Ms. Hale. Meeting topics included committee procedures, possibility of child care in schools, space-use analysis, and committee goals.

a. Revisit 2023 Goals for Joint Assembly/School Facilities Committee – presented by Ms. Koester.
Goals include

- Review the Charter and come to consensus on committee charges – Done
- Forward a strategy to address declining enrollment to the Assembly and School Board and the possible repurposing of spaces
- Addressing community child care needs
- Provide a matrix to the Assembly to clarify facility CIP needs and ramifications of school closures
- Provide a prioritized plan for major maintenance needs

Ms. Woll – Do we have time to get a bond on the ballot to address school needs?

Ms. Koester – The deadline is in July.

Ms. Hale sees the possibility for a bond proposal in coming years but it is not in the plans for 2023.

Ms. Sorensen suggested rewording goals bullet “Repurposing space to address childcare needs in the community” saying other purposes should also be considered.

Ms. Weldon agreed and suggested “Repurposing space to address needs in the community, which could include childcare ”

Mr. Holst – would like to see some outreach to communicate with the public about the school funding formula

Ms. Hale felt that is addressed in the strategy and matrix bullets

Motion by Ms. Hale that the Joint School District and Assembly Facilities Committee approve the goals as amended by Director Koester.

Motion passed with no objection

G. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. State funding loss due to school consolidation – introduced by Ms. Koester and presented by Ms. Olin.

Ms. Weldon asked for clarification of the step-down approach of the consolidation.

Ms. Olin gave a brief explanation of the process set by the legislature for funding when a district closes or adds schools.

Ms. Hale – Local contribution is now based on assessed values. Is this value set in statute?

Ms. Olin – The assessed value figures come from the State in October

3. Discuss criteria and variables that would go into matrix to evaluate school consolidation – Ms. Koester and Ms. Weiss presented the Draft Matrix Variables memo.

Quantitative:

Ms. Koester suggested adding a recommendation to staff to review Uniform Building Code with I Code.

Mr. Muldoon – Consider replacing ‘enrollment vs capacity’ terminology to ‘usage’.

Mr. Holst – Consider adding actual usage like number of classrooms available and number of classrooms utilized

Ms. Woll – Consider adding Pupil-Teacher-Ratio numbers

Ms. Hale – Keep in mind the true purpose of school is to educate children.

Qualitative:

Ms. Woll – There should be analysis demonstrating the impact of committee decisions on quality of education.

Ms. Weldon – Would like to see the paragraph simplified for clarity and understanding.

Opportunities:

Ms. Hale – Need to keep in mind the costs of demolishing versus repurposing a building.

Mr. Holst – Consider adding how much space the school district is renting.

4. Review 6-year CIP: Do we need a high-level condition assessment of facilities? – Presented by Ms. Koester

Mr. Holst recalled a study commissioned and conducted within the last 5 or 6 years and suggested they refer to and build upon that study.

Ms. Hale and Ms. Sorensen suggested breaking some of the items into smaller pieces, (i.e., \$42 million for one item is a 'huge number').

Mr. Muldoon – It is not something being considered currently but, is there anything that would need to be considered before closing a school like Marie Drake?

Ms. Olin – The school district IT network service structure and internet services are housed in the basement.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

I. FUTURE MEETINGS

a. Future meeting topics:

- Revisit the Matrix
- Understanding Montessori Borealis, Charter School and Yaakoosge Alternative School programs

b. Future meeting date: TBD

J. ADJOURNMENT - 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by *Kathleen Jorgensen Business Assists (907)723-6134* 