

EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Long Range Planning Committee  
Special Meeting  
April 8, 2015  
Minutes

Attendance:

Committee Members: Regina Bobroske, Bettina Grob, Bernard Josefsberg, Gabriel Rossi, Tom McMorran

Administration: Stephanie Pierson-Ugol

Others: none

- I. **Call to Order** - Regina Bobroske called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- II. **Approval of March 16, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes** – Rossi, Grob – Approved, Unanimous.
- III. **Discussion and Possible Action:**
  - A. The committee further refined the list of options for further exploration, and identified some as less viable than others. Discussion points/ideas included:
    - a. Use of instructional technology to reduce costs;
    - b. Facilities/buildings – capacity;
    - c. Possible frameworks for authentic learning – age groups, class size, instructional style, use of existing space;
    - d. Redeployment of existing resources;
    - e. Staff reductions as enrollment declines;
    - f. Searching for efficiencies – consolidation horizontally (across towns, by grades) vs. Vertically (within town) may offer more opportunities for educational quality enhancement and efficiencies;
    - g. Possibility for pilots/experimentation with options;
    - h. Resource sharing – as currently doing with leadership in Special education. Instructional leaders across districts;
    - i. Before and after school programs;
    - j. Attracting students to the district;
    - k. Magnet style schools within the ER9 district;
    - l. Combining schools – within Easton and/or with Redding; and
    - m. 7-12 at Barlow, with alternatives for how to manage 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - B. Community Conversation – the committee agreed that a broader dialogue should begin after the presentation with the BOE, which will include recommendations for communication and conversation with the larger community. These conversations are likely to include focus groups, community conversations, and electronic/social media outreach.
  - C. Next Steps:
    - a. Final option list to be completed.
    - b. Outline of presentation to be developed and shared with the committee.

**IV. Public Comment: None**

**V. Board Member Comment – None**

**VI. Adjournment**

**Motion: move that the Easton Long Range Planning Committee adjourn the meeting.**

**Rossi, Grob. Approved. Unanimous.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM

Respectfully Submitted by Regina Bobroske, Committee Chairperson

Recorded by Regina Bobroske