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JOINT MEETING LINCOLN BOARD OF EDUCATION/ LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 22, 1994 - 7:30 a.m.

Lincoln Public Schools District Offices - Board Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Board of Education:** Marian Price, Keith Bartels,
Shirley Doan, Doug Evans, Jim Garver, Sally Wysong
 County Board: Kathy Campbell, Larry Hudkins,
 Steve Svoboda, Darlene Tussing

Mrs. Price called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

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The October 7, 1993 minutes of the Lincoln Board of Education, Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and the Lincoln City Council joint meeting were approved as distributed.

STATUS REPORT ON COUNTY LAND USAGE LOCATED AT 13TH AND SOUTH STREETS

Mrs. Campbell reported that there is much going on with the South Street Campus, however, in terms of being responsive to the school district, the County is not ready at this time. The parking lot is being finished, which will provide enough parking for Trabert Hall and Lancaster Manor. The County is still in the process of using Trabert Hall for the Mental Health Center use of the total campus, for a period of time, will stay as is until it is known what the master plan is between the City and the County for space. The County would also like to finish the chapel on the South Street Campus. The master plan for space for the City and County is being done by the Public Building Commission (PBC).

Mrs. Wysong noted that there is a site problem at Saratoga Elementary School with the location and size of its playground. With the possibility of moving the parking lot, there would be more play space for children. There is also the possibility of adding a multipurpose room to Saratoga and it could become a nice looking building to have on the campus site.

Mrs. Campbell responded that the County knows of the school district's interest in the land, but the initial discussions first need to deal with Trabert Hall and the long-term space plan for the City and County.

Mr. Hudkins added that it is unknown at this time how much space will be needed for the County, and this is being reviewed in the long-range space plan. Trabert Hall will probably be needed for a few years, depending on what is done with the County-City Building. Mr. Hudkins reported that the white house to the north of the South Street Campus, which now houses Youth Services, will be disposed of when Youth Services moves to additional space. The County has been happy to lease the soccer field on the South Street Campus at a nominal fee to the school district. Mr. Hudkins stated that he feels this property has outstanding use possibilities for the County, the City and Lincoln Public Schools (LPS). The County has a lot of money in the renovation of the old Lancaster Manor and the price, procedure for purchase, etc.,

will come from the County Attorney's Office. Mr. Hudkins advised that the school district will be informed whenever the property is declared surplus and he hopes LPS can end up with it, however, the County will probably need to retain Trabert Hall.

Dr. Schoo asked if there are any historical issues with Trabert Hall. Mrs. Campbell stated that she assumes there are because the historical group has shown some interest.

Mr. Hudkins noted that one major decision made has been the removal of the old power house in the South Street Campus area.

Dr. Schoo asked about the removal of the house on the north corner of the campus. County administrative officer Kerry Eagan reported that Youth Services should be out by the first of November.

Dr. Schoo advised that if the school district could expand the Saratoga playground up to the school and eliminate the alley, it would be helpful.

INTRODUCTIONS

At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Price requested self introductions of those in the audience and welcomed Mr. Eagan to the table.

UPDATE ON LPS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

LPS facilities supervisor Larry Hennings reported that the Campbell Elementary School near North 27th and Superior Streets shows the most obvious construction progress at this time with Maxey Elementary School in Edenton being about the same externally. These schools will be closed in before winter. Block work has been completed on Roper Elementary School on south Coddington and the project is awaiting steel delivery. Cavett Elementary School on South 36th Street is a little further behind but is still on target. A block laying crew will be at this site next week and the paving of South 36th Street will be completed next week. Footings are being worked on at this time at the middle school sites. Mr. Hennings reported that Pine Lake Road is now graded and will be surfaced some time next year.

Mr. Hudkins stated that it was a wonderful idea to honor Anne Campbell for her years of educational service by naming the school after her. Mrs. Price agreed and added that those for whom the five other new schools will be named also gave years of service. She advised that those honorees who are available are involved in the planning of the schools and invited the commissioners to attend the dedication of the buildings when they are completed.

Mrs. Campbell asked how the school district plans for parking at school sites, nothing that there seems to be a lot of on-street parking near Humann Elementary School. Mr. Hennings explained that staff and the architects attempt to accommodate parking during the design process and stated that the new schools will have more parking than Humann. Mr. Bartels reminded those present that Humann has more students and staff than what was originally planned for. Mr. Hennings agreed and added that Humann is a smaller site than what the new schools are.

STATUS REPORT FROM COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

County school superintendent Terry Workman advised that he is contracted by the Educational Service Unit (ESU) 18 through Lancaster County for the county superintendent work. He provided a map of Lancaster County school districts and the ESU 18 Annual Report for 1993-94. Mr. Workman talked about a major change to the map this year, noting that over 400 acres from School Districts 152 and 153 became a part of LPS. The maps are updated annually through the services of LPS staff and much data from the City Planning Office has been available. Mr. Workman pointed out that the state fairgrounds are a part of LPS as every piece of land in the State has to be in some school district.

Mr. Workman reported that he has been working with the County's record retention officer to transfer pre-1943 records in storage to the Historical Society. This will be completed soon, then the remaining records will be catalogued.

Mr. Workman advised that he has been working on Rule 13, which applies to home schools. He reported that last year there were over 400 students home schooled and most were students in Lincoln.

Mr. Workman stated that affiliation went fairly well and there were not repercussions from smaller rural schools. He talked about the problems associated with addresses listed simply as "RFD", advising that there is a need for more specific addresses to identify school districts for property owners.

Mr. Workman reported that there have been no cases brought before the County Reorganization Committee. Mrs. Price is the president of the committee, however, it is doubtful that there will be any activity for it.

Mr. Workman advised that the state enrollment reports are coming in from the county schools and he estimated that there will be 105 students in the Class I schools this year. There are still six Class I schools operating in Lancaster County. In District 13, approximately three-fourths of the students are option students.

In answer to a question from Mrs. Doan, Dr. Schoo stated that the new school site near South 37th Street and Pine Lake Road is within the school district but is on the boarder of District 160.

Mr. Workman advised that Cheney is the largest Class I school and both Cheney and Rokeby have portables on the school sites.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM UPDATE

Planning Director Tim Stewart advised that the maps presented by Mr. Workman are a part of the Geographic Information System (GIS). Under this system, data can be attached to any parcel of land and there is now a base map covering 161,000 parcels. Each parcel has been digitized and is on a map. The challenge now is to incorporate other sets of information onto the map and coordinate the information with different institutions. The system allows the County to insert data from other institutions. The key aspect is address match and the GIS will allow the assessor to have a unique identifier for each address. Mr. Stewart announced that the GIS has just recently been purchased by the school district and, therefore, the County and the school district are able to share information. The information will be available to all institutions throughout the community and will be continually updated. It will allow the County the

ability to provide good quality information across the board. Mr. Stewart stated that it is an exciting time and staff is just now beginning to see some of the real benefits of the GIS. There is a need to formalize the agreement between the County, City and the school district in terms of data sharing in a cooperative venture. Staff is still struggling with the issue of ownership of information concerning public and private requests, etc.

Mrs. Campbell noted that there are massive amounts of data that have to be put on the system and budget reductions in the assessor's office eliminated some temporary staff to work on the GIS. The County and the City will probably split some of the costs. Once the data is on the system, there is the question of how to account for costs of those who want to share information. There are some large policy questions to be addressed and these are already under review by the City and County Attorneys. Mrs. Campbell stated that the school district should also be a part of this.

Dr. Dale reported that the school district's legal counsel has a copy of a proposed agreement to share information with the County and the City. Dr. Schoo added that the Board of Education may need to take action on such an agreement.

Mrs. Campbell noted that GIS is groundbreaking technology and cooperation, and the County, City and the school district may want to do some joint statements on it when it is fully functional. Mrs. Price stated that it is a good joint use of tax dollars.

Responding to Dr. Schoo's question about turnaround time for maps, Mr. Stewart advised that some maps are already constructed and published. New maps are a function of the requestor. Some are simple; some are more complex and could take months to prepare. There is a priority system for special map requests submitted in writing.

OLD BUSINESS

School Bus Transportation/Roads

LPS supervisor of transportation Jean Mann reported that school buses can now use Highway 2 and Pine Lake Road and are moving well. She advised that school buses are out in the county more than ever before and she thanked the County Engineer's Office for its help.

Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Stewart reported that the Planning Commission recommended the comprehensive plan to the City Council and the County Commissioners two weeks ago. A series of meetings have been scheduled regarding the plan, as well as a public hearing on October 17. A full meeting will be held on October 24, followed by a vote of the legislative bodies. The plan is in good shape with certain issues still very contentious. Mr. Stewart stated that he is hoping for a vote on the plan in November.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business at this portion of the meeting.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

Mrs. Campbell suggested that school district staff schedule the County Board to join the City Council and the Board of Education at its joint meeting to be scheduled in March.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.