

Joint Meeting with Dunlap Community School District 323 Facilities Committee

September 28, 2011

At 6:30 p.m. Village President Jack Fennell led members of the Dunlap Village Board of Trustees in a joint meeting with members of the Facilities Committee of the Dunlap School District 323 Board of Education at the old Pioneer Junior High School Building. Trustees present—Jack Esterdahl, Gregory Micklos, Lori Parkhill, and Sheila Taylor. Also present were Village Treasurer Dwight Johnson and Village Superintendent Dale Bishop.

School Board member Amy Doering stated the District would like to jointly explore opportunities with the Village to use the old Pioneer Junior High School Building as a community center or possible new setting for the School District administrative offices.

Jack Fennell indicated the Village had been interested in purchasing the building for use as a community center or as the anchor for a proposed Dunlap Park District, however the cost to repair the building including installation of a new roof could go as high as \$195,000—a cost the Village can't afford.

Sheila Taylor stated she would like to see a central location for community events. School Board member Bruce Hay suggested the District and the Village look at the 5 Points Community Center in Washington as an example of how to bring various entities together to create a community center. Hay also expressed concern the District has to pay for the renovation of the Junior High School. Under consideration is tearing the building down for extra vehicle and bus parking.

Jack Fennell told the School Board members the Village would be in favor of having the School District's Administrative offices located once again in the Village, possibly on the site of the former junior high school building.

Greg Micklos also favored using the location as focal point for the Village.

School District Superintendent Dr. Jay Marino told both boards the first decision will be what to do with the old junior high building. Marino stated the School District wants to be a good partner with the Village.

Amy Doering asked if there would be enough people using a new community center in the Village to justify the costs of building a facility. Jack Fennell and Sheila Taylor pointed out a recent survey of Village residents indicated there is a need for a community center.

Both groups agreed to keep in touch with each other as decisions about a Dunlap Park District and what to do with the old junior high building will be decided in the coming months.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Dated –October 12, 2011.

Fraser Engerman Village Clerk