



Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

June 9
Director Program
Lee Arrendale
Vocational Excellence
Award

Upcoming Meetings:

June 16
Bryan Griffin
Gerald Porter, Principal
at *Christian Heritage*
School:
Aquaponics Systems

June 23
Skeeter Pierce

June 30
David Aft
Passing of the Gavel

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Dalton's School Facilities Dilemma

By: Kathryn Sellers



Danny Crutchfield, chairman of the Dalton School Board, introduced the school issues by saying "If you want to go quickly, go alone, but if you want to go far, go together" in order to set the stage for the decisions for resolving the capacity challenges that exist in the middle and high schools in Dalton's system. He stated that we all need to be in this together, City, Schools, businesses, and the people. He introduced Jim Hawkins, school superintendent who presented research and facts about the situation. Jim said, "this school board has truly done its due diligence along with a group of dedicated staff, administration, teachers and towns people." He offered a copy of his power point presentation, the annual school report and a sheet of frequently asked questions with their answers. All the information can be found <http://www.daltonpublicschools.com/images/uploads/docs/SecondaryPresentREVnops.4.24.15.pdf>



The challenge: The middle school has 1800 students and is the eighth largest in the state. They feel that quality of education is impeded by the overcrowding. "Smaller is better, especially with poverty students who don't have the privileges that others do. These children need to be connected to the school with strong relationships," he stated.

There is no room in these over capacity schools to provide career pathway courses. Also, the larger size school has huge implications for all sports because the teams and coaches need more time away from academics and the students and families have to travel long distances.

The plan that seems to be the most desirable will be at a cost of \$70 to 90 million and would be placed either in east Dalton (at a 15 – 17 million dollar premium because of land costs) or on the outer edge of Dalton with less cost but more transportation costs for students. It would be a 6 – 12 school with 6 to 8 and 9 – 12 separated although their research shows that this becomes no concern at all in other schools like this.

Whether there will be school choice or zoning will be decided later. And the funding decision will also be decided later between revenue bonds or general obligation bonds that have to be decided by the city voters. This could be augmented by a millage increase and E-SPLIST proceeds.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Member Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Sanders, Drayton M II (DRAYTON)	13-Jun
Bledsoe, Jonathan L. (JONATHAN)	14-Jun

<u>Partner Birthdays</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Little, Billie	Little, William Norris Sr.	13-Jun

<u>Member Anniversaries</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Years</u>
Kennedy, Nancy J. (NANCY)	13-Jun-00	15

<u>Wedding Anniversaries</u>	<u>Partner's Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>Years</u>
Morehouse, Gordon C. (GORDON)	Dianne	10-Jun	48
Pennington, David E. (DAVID)	Pamela	11-Jun	38
McDonald, David L (DAVID)	Frances	15-Jun	46

Four Way Test

