

Ideas from Community Meetings Through October 1, 2019

The Vigo County School Corporation, by October 17, will have held a community meeting in every elementary school in the district.

Below, please find the ideas community members have brought forth regarding future revenue enhancement and budget cuts. A * tallies how many times the idea was mentioned in these meetings.

We have listed all ideas mentioned, regardless of their feasibility or potential for action, and we will update this list at the conclusion of the community meetings.

Revenue Enhancement Ideas

- *****Rent facilities to various organizations/churches for one or two-day events
- *****Make Aquatic Center more open for community use/more resourceful (income)
- *****Lease empty space & equipment
- *****Obtain business partners/sponsorships
- *****Convert unused space to residence for international programs
- *****Expand Day Care/After School Care – Income
- *****Solar & Geo Thermal heat in buildings
- ***Absorb Covered Bridge in to school corporation
- ***Expand Virtual School (K-12)
- ***Be innovative/creative with the spaces we have
- ***High/updated technology
- ***A “For-Profit” preschool
- ***Sell excess land
- **Enhance the bid process for outside vendors
- **AG Program/FFA
- **Self-fund extra-curricular activities (pay to play/participate)such as athletics, band, musicals
- **Develop a Casino Revenue Committee (if casino comes to Terre Haute)
- **Summer child care program by VCSC for profit
- **Lease/Rent to Terre Haute Boys and Girls Club
- **Rent out auditoriums
- **Make use of unused textbooks
- **Rent CTE Labs in evenings as spaces for manufacturing start-ups
- *Open closed elementary school as law enforcement/fire dept. training facility for local, state & federal agencies
- *Partner with Department Workforce Development to use facilities at night to train workforce
- *Green spaces
- *Money (or portion of) from bus stop-arm violations should come back to the corporation
- *Produce future leaders in our student population
- *Maintain high level of academic progress
- *Keep the well-trained teachers
- **Maintain facilities to prevent depreciation
- *Eliminate redundancy
- *Co-op program to raise funds
- *Use construction warranties
- *Use local agencies to determine building needs
- *Adult Education
- *Reconcile our differences with Home School population
- *Farrington Grove Diner
- *Transportation fees for extracurricular events
- *Home School Cohort (currently none in Terre Haute)
- *Use grant money for SPO’s, Counselors and BI’s
- *Use Title I money for special buses
- *Get donations for supplies
- *Seek out grants

BUDGET CUTS

- *****Redistrict/consolidate
- *****4-day school week
- *****Retirement incentive
- *****Move Administrative offices to unused facility and sell the current building
- *****Maintain vehicles so they last longer (buses)
- *****Stagger start times
- *****Combine bus routes to maximize bus riders
- *****Re-evaluate administrative positions and combine responsibilities
(Their responsibilities should equal their pay)
- *****Reduce paper costs-use technology
- *****Maximize what you can get out of each building
- *****Be conscious of utilities (water, electric) – not leaving lights on, sprinkler systems
- *****Get rid of Aquatic Center completely *Use smaller buses when possible
- ****Administrators' salary freeze
- ****Less testing
- ****Virtual snow days/E-Learning Days
- ****Re-examine insurance packages for all employees
- ***Hire fewer contractors and have work done “in house”, as well as mechanical repairs
- ***Have schools fully staffed with full-time employees (eliminate Kelly Services)
- ***Be flexible
- ***Efficiency in all areas is important
- ***Contract out janitors/custodial/mowing
- ***Buy out Administrators at top level (high pay)
- ***Recycle/Reuse – conserve water
- ***Limit permits
- ***Cut Administration hours
- ***Evaluate lunch program
- **Alternative fuels, energy
- **Gasoline buses instead of diesel
- **Eliminate non-essential programs without cutting beneficial student programs
- **Evaluate all positions-needed or not?
- **Cut athletics
- **Free Solar farms
- **City/County SPO's
- **Staff cuts at Administration Building
- **Use of “consultants”...necessary?
- *Grade configuration
- *Energy audit
- *Riley, Fayette & Dixie Bee (#'s)
- *Attach McLean Alternative High school to an existing or future high school
- *Consolidate facilities
- *Consolidate job responsibilities
- *Evaluate duplication of services
- *More parent involvement
- *Student/teacher ratio
- *Share CTE facilities – have one location
- *Increase class size
- *Reduce water heater temps by 1 degree in every building

- *Tinted windows or curtains in classrooms
- *Thermostats controlled within each building
- *Move GT to Riley from Dixie Bee
- *Learn from poor budgeting in the past that got us in this situation
- *Pay “C” group same as teachers
- *Combine “alternative” schools
- *Evaluate “out of pocket” costs
- *Redundancy in programs
- *Audit all positions
- *Extend Textbook Adoption
- *Athletic Departments – their own entity
- *Advertise Bus Replacement
- *Consolidate schools and sell the building not in use (West Terre Haute)
- *Use “local” contractors