

Peterstown School Questions

1. Why is the site out of Peterstown?

The board, superintendent, School Building Authority and architects reviewed numerous sites in and around the Peterstown area over the last 2 years. Sites within the Town of Peterstown would have caused the board to condemn homes while other sites, the owners were not willing to sell or the sites did not meet the requirements for a PK8 school and amenities

2. Is the gas line dangerous?

No more than any other gas line. This gas line is a low pressure line and the land agent for Columbia Pipeline Group said we can construct driveways over the pipelines/ROW within the normal parameters of minimal cut and fill. He said he has issued permits along 15,000 miles of pipelines and of those 15,000 miles, none of the pipelines have crossing restrictions. Current school sites have gas lines running through the property now. According to Mike Radford, Operations Team Leader with TransCanada | Columbia Pipeline Group, the pipeline diameters are 6" and 8". The maximum operating pressure is 720 psig.

3. Can we park over the gas line?

No, just access roads can be constructed in the ROW.

4. Why are we planning to have an on site sewer system?

The public sewer system stops about 12,000 linear feet of the school site. We have conceptual plans to provide a septic system with a pressurized forced drip system and a leach field.

5. What is the cost to maintain the on site septic system?

We have designed several SBA schools with this type of system. West Taylor Elementary School in Taylor County spends about \$7,000 annually and they have had no major issues since opening in 2005.

6. What is the cost to connect to the PSD system?

The engineer's opinion of construction cost to extend the line approximately 12,000 linear feet is \$ 2,517,560. This include gravity line, force main, a lift station, laterals, ROW acquisitions, permitting and fees.

7. Can the cost the board is planning to spend for the onsite sewer be used to offset the cost of the public sewer?

The SBA funds can not be used for offsite work including utilities.

8. Is there sufficient water on site?

A flow test was performed and pressure is good and flow is adequate for a school facility.

9. Is the school going to get internet, because all the people in Ballard says it's slow?

Most likely the residences in around Ballard are on a residential type service. The school will have a business service with fiber optics.

10. What is going to happen to the existing schools buildings?

The board of education will make that decision at a later date but hopes that they can still be used by some entity to support the needs of the community. Planning meetings have been held with state and federal officials to seek grants for community centers and other county offices.

11. Can we still use the current athletic complex?

That is certainly a possibility and most likely the case since the SBA funds are not permitted for construction of the athletic complex. Rough grading of the site is permitted.

12. How much did the property cost?

The board negotiated the acquisition of 36.983 acres and purchased it for \$384,830 including clearing of 15 acres of trees and stumps.

13. Why did the board have to buy the property now?

The SBA requires that at the time of the interview with the SBA to request the funds that the property must be under an option to buy. The board also felt that purchasing the property now, increased their chances for funding amongst the other 54 counties. The owner also wished to sell and due to difficulties of finding suitable land the board felt they should move on this property.

14. What will the new school name be?

The school will remain as Peterstown Pirates with red and white as the school colors.

15. When could the new school be open?

The SBA grant agreement must be closed within 3 years. The SBA timeline calls for 12 months to plan and design, with 18 to 20 months for construction. August 2020 most likely the opening date.

16. What is the cost of the new school?

The SBA uses a formula based upon the number of students, the grade configuration times a cost per square foot. The project was submitted and approved at \$24,192,000

17. How is it to be funded?

The board will provide 1,192,000 of local funds, obtain a low or no interest QZAB loan for 1,000,000 and the SBA will provide 16,242,000 of which 500,000 was appropriated December 12, 2016. The remaining \$5,758,000 funds are needed to complete the funding.

18. What happens if the bond fails?

The money goes back to the SBA and appropriated to another county.