

Sapulpa B.O.E. hires Architects to design New Schools Campus

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The August 2022 meeting of the Sapulpa Independent School District No. 33 Board of Education featured members (President, Wayne Richards, Larry Hoover, Sarah Havenstrite and Melinda Ryan) Monday the 8th handling district business from the East Lee Street Washington Administration Building second floor conference room.

In July the school administration informed the board members that the district would be interviewing and making site visits with six architectural firms seeking the right one to take on the task of re-making the high school and junior high facilities as well as many elements of the 33 acre campus street addressed as 3 South Mounds.

With the commencement fo the noontime August 8 meeting Sapulpa Superintendent of Schools Robert Armstrong announced that a decision (as forwarded by a committee tasked to investigate) to hire not one, but two architectural firms to consult and draw out the final designs of the new school facilities. However the surprise was that it is a combination of two firms one locally Sapulpa based and one company out of Kansas. The board was introduced to Sapulpa Architect Robert Reed and Amber Beurling of the firm DLR Architecture.

The schoolboard membership expressed thanks to administration regarding the thoroughness of their interviews and voted promptly 4-0 unanimous in favor of the architect hires. Additionally Armstrong made clear that the opportunity for this district (any school district) to build anew was a rare opportunity and that he and his team would embrace this chance with gusto. Additionally Armstrong said that the local citizenry would soon be invited to participate in the process and that community focus groups were the next step in the process. Additionally the district will place before voters in Year 2023 the bond measures that would line out the full scope of the campus building projects and the costs involved (millions of dollars) as well as the priorities and timelines



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FROM SIX OF WHICH TO PICK THE CHOICE OF TWO architects, combining local and out of state Kansan know hows on a set course to remake the district's high school and junior high combined campus anew for review by voters prior, to a 2023 bond issue election date, seeking the millions of dollars, to build anew, atop the 33 acre site street addressed as 3 South Mission Street, Sapulpa. Here on left is DLR of Kansas, Architect Amber Beurling, and on right Sapulpa's Robert Reed after their introductions to Sapulpa Board of Education membership August 8, 2022.

regarding such a major building project here in Sapulpa that will effect families living here for decades onwards.