

(The following is a synopsis of the minutes of the West Branch City Council meeting. The full text of the minutes is available for inspection at the City Clerk's office. The minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.)

**West Branch, Iowa
Council Chambers**

**City Council
Work Session #1**

**April 7, 2014
6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Worrell opened the West Branch City Council work session by welcoming the audience and the following City staff: City Administrator Matt Muckler, Administrative Assistant Shanelle Peden, Deputy City Clerk Dawn Brandt, Library Director Nick Shimmin, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, Zoning Administrator Paul Stagg, City Attorney Kevin Olson, and City Engineer Dave Schechinger. Council members: Jordan Ellyson, Colton Miller, Tim Shields, and Mary Beth Stevenson. Councilperson Pierce entered after roll call at 6:33 p.m.

Kevin Hatfield, Superintendent of the West Branch Community School District, spoke to the Council regarding the District's 15-Year Master Facilities Plan. Hatfield stated that the Plan includes the District's mission, which is to prepare students to live and learn with a passion and purpose, and that all students are career and college ready. Hatfield indicated that the Facilities Advisory Committee (F.A.C.) consists of 117 total members, with 69 of those being representative of the greater West Branch community. Hatfield state the mission of the F.A.C. is to evaluate and assess both short-term and long-term facilities in the District. Upon the Committee's review, Hatfield stated that the F.A.C. developed key recommendations, including a reduction to the current three campus building system and combining students into two campuses.

Councilperson Ellyson asked when students located at the West Branch Middle School would migrate to a different building. Hatfield stated that the proposed Plan is to transition students in approximately five years.

Motion by Miller to adjourn the work session, second by Shields. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council work session adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Mark Worrell, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Matt Muckler, City Administrator/Clerk