

Minutes approved by Committee: May 16, 2016

Facility Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: April 21, 2016

Meeting was called to order at: 4:07 p.m. by Mrs. Somogyi.

Minutes: From the last meeting approved by Mrs. Somogyi and second by Dr. Burns

BOE members present: Dr. Burns, Barbara Somogyi, Mardell Schumacher

Others: Dr. Fessler, Tony Rossi, Vickie Nissen, Kelley Zerfahs, Ben Grey, Tom Luedloff

Guests: None

District Facility Upgrades:

Mr. Rossi talked the committee through the multi-year facility upgrade plan. He explained that this plan continues to be fluid and, while these projects have been identified for completion, they could be adjusted between years as the BOE sees fit. It would be beneficial to plan our annual capital projects earlier than in the past. Mr. Rossi recommended we begin conversations for the 2017-18 fiscal year this summer to allow adequate discussion and plan time.

Devonshire: Mr. Rossi reviewed the costs for upgrades to Devonshire. This included adding on to the building for new classrooms and main office space. He pointed out that in addition to the \$5-\$6,000,000 to accomplish this, Devonshire also is in need of many other upgrades; for example a roof (approximately \$2,200,000), HVAC upgrades (approximately \$500,000), and flooring (approximately \$325,000). Mr. Rossi raised the question, with just with the identified larger projects totalling over \$9,000,000, we would want the BOE to entertain the option of building a new school which could be in the \$14,000,000 range - in lieu of spending to upgrade the existing building.

Mr. Rossi asked if he should approach Mount Prospect Park District to see about the option to build a new school on their adjacent property so as to not displace students during the construction. Mrs. Smogyi said we need more answers. Mr. Rossi will reach out to them. Mrs. Smogyi reminded the group that we have half a school at Ridge not being utilized if we can do it in sections. She asked about closing Ridge and sending the Devonshire students there while it was being built.

Mrs. Smogyi mentioned we should not lose acreage with the swap. She asked if they would sell us the land.

Mrs. Schumacher asked about how much it would cost to raise the current building. She asked Mr. Rossi to show the floor plan for Devonshire with the proposed addition of classes and renovated front office.

Mr. Rossi will do the following as it relates to Devonshire:

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- Initiate a meeting with Mt. Prospect Park District to see if they would support a solution for the District to build a new school on Park District property. Discuss options such as a land swap or sale.
- Investigate if construction could be phased over two years.
- Mrs. Nissen and Mr. Rossi research school code with legal if a referendum is needed.
- Revisit estimates for all options.
- Bring back information to the committee in May.

Learning Spaces:

- An estimate of \$2,200,000 for furniture, displays/tech and writable spaces.
- Mrs. Smogyi mentioned that the science labs may not need new furniture. Dr. Fessler pointed out that the tables are not used for the experiments, but that the counters around the perimeter of the classroom are used as the place for experiments.
- Mrs. Smogyi said she does not have a problem with furniture if it is necessary.
- Dr. Fessler said our plan is to give people choices related to the furniture. He sees a need to make the change at the elementary and junior high, but plans to do so over time and not rush into it.
- There was a discussion about staff bringing in furniture from home and the concerns.
- Mrs. Schumacher feels it is too early to bring a pilot of new furniture to the elementary.
- Dr. Burns asked would the retiring teachers or administration choose the furniture.
- Mr. Grey said we would need to consider the implications.

Mr. Schumacher asked a clarifying question about the pass throughs at FJHS which Mr. Rossi answered.

Mrs. Smogyi asked about the rubber flooring and how it holds up in winter. Mr. Rossi indicated all rubber flooring the District installed since 2010 has been performing exceptionally well.

Mr. Rossi asked for direction on furniture for the junior highs, indicating that it won't be here by August (since it has been pushed back). The numbers are conservative.

Mrs. Smogyi asked about wheel locks on the chairs, they do not, but yes on the tables.

Dr. Fessler asked the BOE what questions remain for learning spaces?

- Dr. Burns: funding? (Dr. Fessler said from the fund balance). Dr. Burns mentioned that we need to look at the fund balance. He mentioned there will be a change during Gov. Rauner's term.
- Vickie is going to present to the BOE May 9 about the fund balance and working cash fund and options.

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A Facilities Committee meeting will be scheduled in May.

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:07 Dr. Burns motioned and Mrs. Smogyi seconded.