

BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Boyertown, Pennsylvania

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Facilities Planning Committee Meeting

November 6, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Crossley, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Education Center Board Room.

Members attending: Dr. Christman, Mr. Crossley, Mrs. Dierolf, Mr. Elsier, Mrs. Hartford, Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Semmens, Mrs. Usavage

Administration: Dr. Faidley, Mr. Scoboria, Mr. Szablowski, Mr. Grenewald, Dr. Cooper, BASH Principal.

Members of the Public: 9

Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and observed a moment of silence

No Public Comment

The minutes from the committee meeting of 10/15/13 were moved by Mr. Nichols, second by Mrs. Usavage. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Dr. Faidley recapped the BASH project activity over the last two weeks and introduced John Hartman from D'Huy Engineering and Jay Clough from KCBA Architects. The last two weeks have been used to meet with BASH teachers and several departments to discuss the proposed project and obtain feedback and input from the staff members. The committee was updated on the current status of the BASH construction project. A copy of the presentation is included with these minutes. The School Board meeting scheduled for November 12, 2013 will include a vote to approve the project through the conceptual design phase and mark the beginning of the schematic design phase of the project. The School Board will also consider the action to pursue LEED Gold status on the project based on the condition that the A.C.E. Grant is awarded to the District in the amount of \$2 million and that Geo-Thermal HVAC system is not required as part of the grant.

The project, which will include the addition of several art classrooms at the current gymnasium entrance on the northwest side of the building and the addition of a gymnasium at the north end of the building, was presented to the committee. The current cub gymnasium is being proposed to house the music department. The main entrance will be identified on the west side of the building with the Administrative office relocated to the center of the building to increase security and efficiency. The project budget was reviewed at the total cost at \$55 million, but there was a reduction in the amount of contingency for the project. The budgeted amount for contingencies is currently established at \$1.2 million or 2.2%. The end of the conceptual design and the beginning of the schematic design was presented to the committee. There was extended

discussion about the reduction in the contingency amount for the project. Dr. Faidley stated that he was not in support of reducing the contingency but that the project budget of \$55 million set by the Board was the reason for the reduction. There was discussion on the proposed new gymnasium and the necessary capacity in comparison to the current Cub Gym. The topic of student capacity for the new proposed building was discussed and the board requested the maximum number of students that could be accommodated in the building design.

The committee recommended that both proposed actions, the approval of conceptual design and the LEED Gold contingent on receiving the ACE Grant be put on the November 12th agenda for consideration.

Mr. Szablowski informed the committee that the BASH Memorial Stadium field would be unavailable for the spring sports season due to ground work being performed on the turf late in the year. The work was necessary to upgrade the grass through next year's growing season.

Public Comment Period #2

Mrs. Neiman asked the committee to hold off on making any decisions about the BASH project until the newly elected Board Members take their seats in December. She expressed concern about the cost of the project and commented on the built-up roof as an alternative bid, suggesting that the upgraded roof would have at least a 30 year life.

Mr. Farmer discussed the BASH construction project and commented on the conceptual design and the proposed budget, stating that the work was necessary but not the perfect solution.

Mrs. Curry talked about the roof upgrade, suggesting it was a good idea to put a quality roof on the building. She spoke about the ACE Grant and asked questions about how the funds would be received if awarded.

Mr. Crossley announced the following meetings:

November 12, 2013	Policy Committee, Gilbertsville Elementary,	6:00 p.m.
November 12, 2013	School Board Meeting, Gilbertsville Elementary,	7:00 p.m.
November 19, 2013	Curriculum Committee, Education Center,	5:30 p.m.
November 19, 2013	Finance Committee, Education Center,	6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.