

**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
MARCH 5, 2013  
MINUTES**

Mr. Crossley, Facilities Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Education Center conference room A.

Board members attending: Mr. Crossley, Dr. Christman, Mrs. Dierolf, Mrs. Hartford, Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Usavage (5:55).

Administration: Mr. Scoboria, Dr. Amuso, Mr. Szablowski, Mrs. Woodard, Mr. Grenewald, Dr. Cooper, BASH Principal.

Members of the Public: 18

Mr. Drabinsky, 414 Rhoads Ave., Boyertown, requested permission to videotape the meeting.

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

No Public Comment.

The minutes from the committee meetings of 2/19/13 were approved.

The committee members reviewed the proposed request for proposals (RFP) for Construction Management Services for the Senior High Building Project. The committee supported the proposed RFP be added to the March 12<sup>th</sup> Board agenda for approval and distribution.

The committee discussed the Phase II Construction Projects as adopted in Option 5 of the Feasibility Study. The three additional projects include the building of a new elementary school in the Montgomery County side of the District, renovations and several small additions to the Junior High West Center to make it comparable in size to Junior High East, and the expansion of Colebrookdale Elementary School from a two-unit school to a four-unit school. After discussion, a majority of the committee felt it would be prudent to defer a decision on the next project until after the high school project had begun. The committee agreed to revisit the topic after the bidding phase of the high school planned for some time after October 2013.

In other discussion, the committee discussed the public information meeting for the BASH project scheduled for March 11, 2013 at Junior High West.

Mr. Szablowski updated the committee on the Alternative Clean Energy (ACE) Grant stating that the grant application has been submitted.

Mr. Crossley began a discussion on the possible use for the old three story building at the high school. There was discussion about the condition of the building, the possible uses of the building and the issue of ongoing maintenance of the building. Renovations to the building for non-academic purposes would require the District support 100% of the cost as the project would not be eligible for State reimbursement. Discussion on utilizing the build for education as a possible academy was proposed. The history of the building from the 1992 renovation/addition project was discussed and the fact that the building was not renovated or intended to be used for education at that time showed a lack of a long-term plan. There were discussions about the costs associated with building and the fact that a decision on the building does not have to be made until 2015 because the building will be used for staging during construction was discussed.

#### Public Comment

Brenda Meitzler spoke about the maintenance of the building and the structural soundness of the building in discussion with the possible uses for the property.

Linda Curry spoke about the academy structure and stated that the Downtown School District housed one of their academies in their old high school building.

Mrs. Dierolf moved for adjournment with Dr. Christman seconding the motion. Mr. Crossley adjourned the meeting at 6:23 pm.