

**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Boyertown, Pennsylvania**  
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**Facilities Planning Committee Meeting**  
**January 28, 2014**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

Members attending: Mr. Caso, Dr. Christman(6:04), Mrs. Dennin, Mrs. Hartford, Mr. Landino, , Ms. Neiman, Mr. Stengle, Mrs. Usavage  
Administration: Dr. Faidley, Mr. Scoboria, Mr. Szablowski, Mr. Grenewald, Dr. Cooper, BASH Principal.

Members of the Public: 6

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 11/6/13 were moved by Mrs. Usavage, second by Mrs. Hartford. The minutes were adopted unanimously with Mr. Stengle abstaining.

Dr. Faidley and Mr. Szablowski presented the history and decision process that led to the current BASH Project, reviewing the District's projected growth and the Board's decision to utilize professional organizations to assist in evaluating the area demographics and forecasting the growth is student population. (A Copy of the Presentation is included with these minutes) Two studies were commissioned by the Mid-Atlantic Employer's Association and the Pennsylvania Economy League. Both organizations met with Municipality officials and the local homebuilders to discuss the current and future housing developments projected for the District. These studies were performed in 2005-2006 and 2011-2012 respectively. Both projected significant growth in the student population, especially in the eastern portion of the school district. A review of the District's redistricting plan and the use of grey areas to better manage student attendance was reviewed. The feasibility study process was reviewed and the various options as considered by the School Board were shared with the pros and cons of each option being summarized. The option chosen by the School Board which included the

BASH renovations and additions, the JHW renovations and additions, the proposed new elementary school and the Colebrookdale renovations and additions were discussed as the four PlanCon projects submitted prior to the State moratorium on reimbursable projects. Several of the Board Members in attendance added their opinions as to the thought process and logic used in determining the direction of the District's construction plans to address the growth. The four projects submitted under PlanCon would provide options to the District for the long-term to address expansion concerns and provide the neighborhood school environment to students attending elementary level schools.

Jay Clough, KCBA Architects and Arif Fazil and John Hartman from D'Huy Engineering, BASH Construction Managers, presented the final Schematic Design for the Senior High Building renovations and additions. With the input of the teachers, and administrators at the school, several areas have been identified and amended to add needed space and to use the space more efficiently. Mr. Clough explained that the project focuses on adding many small group instruction areas throughout the building, which will allow for more efficient use of the larger rooms for larger subject matter instruction for more periods during the high school schedule. Several area within the building were amended namely, the JROTC Area, the Life Skills Room, the Technology Education Area that will house the STEM Academy and the fitness area that had been proposed in the cub gym with the new music area was amended to separate the two areas allowing more space for music and utilizing a portion of the large lobby area to relocate the fitness area. The total proposed changes and amendments add a total of just over \$1.3 million to the construction project. The planned extension of Monroe St. to Montgomery Avenue was discussed along with a recent meeting with officials from PennDOT, the Boyertown Borough and Colebrookdale Township. As a result of the recent meeting, it became apparent that the total budget for road improvements was not adequate for what may be proposed by the municipalities and the Department of Transportation. With only \$1.2 million currently estimated for contingencies, the need to increase the contingency amount was discussed by Dr. Faidley. The recommendation from Administration is to increase the contingency amount from the current \$1.2 million to \$5.9 million. This amount was specifically broken out in two categories, the first being unforeseen issues in renovating the 1920 three-story structure and a majority of the contingency for other areas including the PennDot and traffic impact areas that are currently unknown. The total budget for the project was presented at \$61 million. There was extensive discussion about the project, the budget, the increase in contingency and several other possible options that could be considered in lieu of the BASH construction. Board Members, Mr.

Caso, Mrs. Neiman and Mr. Stengle gave their reasons for not supporting the High School project. The committee recommended by a poll of 6-3 to have the approval of the schematic design phase, with the increased budget appear on the next Board agenda for consideration. A Copy of the presentation by KCBA and D'Huy Engineering will be included with these minutes.

Under Committee Comments Mrs. Usavage commented on the recent rescheduling of meetings due to the inclement weather. The originally scheduled January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting was rescheduled to next week, February 4<sup>th</sup> because of the weather and the fact that the information shared tonight needed review prior to the next Board meeting, when the Board would be voting on the Schematic Design Phase completion. Dr. Faidley referred to Board Policy #9360, which allowed for meetings to be rescheduled due to unforeseen events including inclement weather.

Mrs. Ruth Dierolf commented on the BASH Project, the specified roof in the base project, the fact that the New Hanover-Upper Frederick Elementary School was designed to be a 5-unit school, the PlanCon reimbursement period, which is normally 20 years, can be requested for less time if a variance is submitted and the recent addition of a canteen in the BASH cafeteria.

Mrs. Linda Curry commented on the small print of the presentations and the fact that the Libraries are utilizing more eBooks versus the hard copies of textbooks and the use of technology.

Mr. Elsier made the following announcements:

February 4, 2014 Finance Committee, Junior High West 5:30 p.m.

February 4, 2014 School Board Meeting, Junior High West 7:00 p.m.

February 11, 2014 School Board Meeting, Education Center 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Elsier adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.