

**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
APRIL 4, 2013  
MINUTES**

Mr. Crossley, Facilities Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Education Center Board Room.

Board members attending: Mr. Crossley, Dr. Christman, Mrs. Dierolf, Mr. Elsier (5:45), Mrs. Hartford, Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Semmens, Mrs. Usavage.

Administration: Mr. Scoboria (6:10), Dr. Amuso, Mr. Szablowski, Mr. Grenewald, Dr. Cooper, BASH Principal.

Members of the Public: 13

Mr. Mark 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

Public Comment: Mrs. Curry asked why the proposed alternates were reduced from 7 in December to 4 being reviewed at the meeting.

The minutes from the committee meetings of 3/5/13 were approved.

In response to a Request for Proposal, the District received 12 proposals to provide construction management services for the high school program. From the 12, the following five firms were chosen to interview with the Facilities Committee.

The Construction Management Services firms each were allotted time to present their firm to the Committee and then respond to questions. The firms presented in the following order:

The Quandel Group

Fidevia

D'Huy Engineering

Turner Construction Company

Foreman Program & Construction Managers

EI Associates representatives, Mark Barnhardt and Jim Martin presented the proposed alternates to the BASH Project construction/renovation project for discussion.

The extension of Monroe Street past the high school connecting with Montgomery Avenue was discussed and presented as two options. The first option, which would be a direct extension through current athletic fields, was presented with diagrams of the changes to the fields. The second option was to continue Monroe St. between Bear Stadium and the current practice fields until it would align with the thruway between Colebrookdale Elementary and the Education Center, where there is an existing driveway/entrance onto Montgomery Avenue. There was discussion about the limited access to the extension during off-peak hours where gates would limit usage of the extension to before and after school hours and at times after events at the High School. The discussion about the alternatives and the possible increase of traffic between the elementary school and the Education Center prompted the committee to select the first option, being a direct route to Montgomery Avenue as the alternate to be included in the project design and bid documents.

The athletic fields at the Senior High were discussed as a need based on the current usage and the addition of the ninth grade students. The Committee reviewed the cost of artificial turf on two fields, side by side adjacent to Bear Stadium or one practice field and the field in Memorial Stadium. The cost of the installation compared to the maintenance of grass fields was discussed. The advantage of the artificial turf is that the use of those fields can be expanded greatly without the wear and tear on the grass. The Committee recommended the installation of two new sod fields on the northern most section of the Senior High property due to the cost of the installation.

The condition of the masonry at Memorial Stadium was discussed and pictures of the existing conditions were shared with Committee members. There is significant water damage to certain area of the stadium's main grandstands and by including the repair work in the brick and concrete in the project, the mason working on the school additions could perform the work in a more economically favorable manner when ordering the masonry supplies and addressing the repairs while on site for other masonry needs during the project. The front façade of the stadium was discussed as the worst condition and the Committee authorized the testing of the existing brickwork and the inclusion of the repair work as an alternate to the construction/renovation bids.

The need for storage at the high school was addressed and the proposed solution is an extension or addition of the current basement. EI Associates discussed the design of a basement under the addition behind the auditorium. The additional space would be utilized by the maintenance department and would include approximately 10,000 square foot of space. The Committee agreed to include the basement storage as an alternate during the bidding process.

Mr. Grenewald reviewed the priority need of the District for summer projects. The listing of the projects and a brief description and justification was given for each. The committee authorized the proposed summer projects be added to the next Board Agenda for approval of the bidding process. When the pricing of the projects is received the Board will accept the bids to perform the work.

Mr. Szablowski discussed the status of the Capital Projects Fund and explained that this fund was being used to pay the BASH project expenses until permanent funding was established. Once the financing of the project is established, the Capital Projects Fund will be reimbursed for all expenditures paid from those funds. With the architect invoices, the BASH project expenses and the proposed summer projects, Mr. Szablowski requested the Committee authorize a Board agenda item to transfer \$1.4 million from the Debt Service Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to meet the future obligations for the summer projects and the BASH project. The Committee agreed to recommend the transfer be included on the next Board agenda.

Janet Mock, Boyertown resident and employee of the Berks Montgomery Municipal Authority, spoke about the BASH project and possible issues identifying sanitary disposal line on the BASH property. Mrs. Mock also discussed erecting a pole building in place of the BASH basement.

#### Announcements

April 9, 2013	6:00 pm	Act 34 Hearing	Colebrookdale El.
April 30, 2013	5:30 pm	Facilities Committee	Education Center

Mr. Crossley adjourned the meeting at 10:30 pm.