

BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Boyertown, Pennsylvania

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Facilities Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Elsier, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Junior High West Cafeteria.

Members attending: Mr. Caso(6:58), Dr. Christman, Mrs. Dennin, Mr. Elsier, Mrs. Hartford, Mr. Landino, Ms. Neiman, Mr. Stengle, Mrs. Usavage

Administration: Dr. Faidley, Mr. Scoboria, Mr. Szablowski, Mr. Grenewald

Members of the Public: 5

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 6/10/14 were moved by Mrs. Hartford, second by Dr. Christman. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Jay Clough, KCBA Architects & Arif Fazil and John Hartman, D'Huy Engineering presented an update on the BASH Construction Project, the construction documents ready for bid, the bid review and PlanCon Part F. A copy of the presentation is included with these minutes. The current projected budget of \$61 million was reviewed. The various alternates to be included in the bidding packet were reviewed. There was a discussion on how the alternate bids are included in the process. All the prime bidders (General Contractor, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, & Environmental) will submit a base bid as per the specifications on the drawings but will also submit the value of the alternates as a separate price, either adding to the base bid or deducting from the base bid. When the bids are received, the District will determine which, if any, of the alternates that could be selected while maintaining the overall budget. The PlanCon form F was discussed and the fact that the School Board will be required to approve the submission of Part F prior to bids being advertised. The timeline for the bids was discussed, projecting October 28 as the date bids are due. Tentatively, the bids would be presented to the School Board for approval at the November 11, 2014 School Board meeting. There was discussion on the phasing of the construction project over a 29 month process with students in the school. D'Huy Engineering discussed the plan for construction and the movement of the students during the various phases. The plan is to add the new gymnasium and art wing over the summer of 2015, also converting the cub gym to the music suite. This would allow for the programs currently residing in the three story structure to vacate to the newly renovated areas and allow for the renovations to begin to that building in fall 2015. Once the old building is renovated, this would allow the old building to house the students as the other areas of the high school are renovated.

Paul Grenewald, Facility Engineer, gave an update on the summer renovation and building upgrade projects, specifically discussing the new entrances at Boyertown and Gilbertsville Elementary Schools and the plan to upgrade the remaining buildings.

The Committee discussed the search for the professional services of architect and construction management for the Junior High West renovation project. The committee recommended a request for proposal (RFP) process be included on the next Board agenda.

Administration contacted the Pennsylvania Economy League who performed the District's last demographic study in 2011. The quoted cost to update the demographic study with new projections is \$8,000. The study would most likely be completed by February 2015. There was discussion on the level of detail needed in the demographic study. Questions to be addressed would be a detailed projection of growth patterns in the District and the consideration of the change in building grades to middle schools in 2017. This item was recommended to appear on the next Board agenda.

Mr. Szablowski updated the Committee on several issues regarding the State PlanCon process. After meeting with State officials, it appears that the backlog of PlanCon projects awaiting reimbursement would be addressed in the upcoming years. An increase in the amount of reimbursements coupled with several projects dropping off the reimbursement list will allow the State to reduce the current backlog. Mr. Szablowski discussed the Junior High West project and the required submission of a 20-year waiver to qualify the project for reimbursement. The current architect of record on the project is EI Associates. EI Associates would need to file the waiver request. With the litigation against EI Associates ongoing, the likelihood of their submitting on our behalf is doubtful. It was suggested that since the moratorium on PlanCon projects has been lifted, that the JHW project as originally submitted, be withdrawn and re-submitted under the new architect. It was agreed to discuss this issue at a future committee meeting.

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Ruth Dierolf asked questions about the building entrances and the use of safety glass, the PlanCon process, the architect of record and the District's intent actions approved for the three remaining renovation/construction projects. She commented on the demographic study and the number of alternates including in the BASH bids. She questioned the progress of the Reading Avenue intersection project and suggested redistricting students to Washington Elementary School, which she believed was 100 students below capacity.

Linda Curry talked about the BASH presentation and requested an explanation to support the changes in the project. She questioned the food service equipment line item in the budget.

Ruth Baker discussed the estimated cost to renovate the high school at \$34 million and asked if this investment would bring the building up to code for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing.

Mr. Elsier announced the following meetings:

September 23, 2014	Curriculum Committee, Earl Elem. Library	5:30 p.m.
September 23, 2014	Board of School Directors, Earl Elementary	7:00 p.m.
October 14, 2014	Personnel Committee, Ed. Center Conf. Rm. A	6:00 p.m.
October 14, 2014	Board of School Directors, Education Center	7:00 p.m.
October 28, 2014	Curriculum Committee, Wash. Elem. Library	5:30 p.m.
October 28, 2014	Board of School Directors, Washington El.	7:00 p.m.
November 5, 2014	Facilities Committee, Education Center	6:00 p.m.
November 11, 2014	Policy Review Committee, Gilbertsville El.	5:30 p.m.
November 11, 2014	Board of School Directors, Gilbertsville El.	7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn moved by Ms. Neiman, second by Mr. Stengle. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.