

**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012  
MINUTES**

Mr. Crossley, Committee Chair, call the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Education Center board room.

Board attendees: Dr. Christman, Mr. Crossley, Mrs. Dierolf, Mr. Elsier, Mrs. Hartford, Mrs. Semmens, Mrs. Usavage

Administration: Dr. Betts, Dr. Beerer, Mr. Szablowski

Public: approximately 13

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited followed by a moment of silence

Public Comment – Mrs. Curry commented on her concern about building a new elementary school and burdening tax payers in expectation of students.

The meeting minutes from the August 14, 2012 Committee meeting were moved for approval and were adopted unanimously.

Dr. Betts recommended to the Committee Option 5, reviewing the reasoning as a long-term solution to the student growth as well as allowing the District to have several building options for the future and maintaining the present reimbursement from the State prior to the PlanCon moratorium date of October 1, 2012. Dr. Betts reviewed the results of opinion collected at the recent Community forums held September 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The results of the online survey were also shared and the opinions support the option recommended by Administration. This option would require a total of four PlanCon submittals to include:

- Renovation of BASH with addition to allow for a 9-12 grade structure, allowing the current Junior Highs to serve grades 6-8 and making the seven elementary schools K-5.
- Build a new elementary school in Montgomery County.
- Renovate Junior High West and add enough space to serve 200 more students equaling the size of JHE.
- Renovating Colebrookdale Elementary with the possible doubling of the school to accommodate 4 units of grades K-5.

Dr. Betts emphasized that the recommendation and support from the committee and ultimately the School Board to approve these PlanCon applications does not commit the District to build the projects but allows for the decisions to be made at a later date when the projected student enrollments are realized. Dr. Betts stated that the current Montgomery County elementary schools are currently above projected capacity and that the home building in New Hanover Township is continuing to grow.

EI Associates addressed several questions from the committee members and reviewed the PlanCon submission process detailing the Part A justification and the schematics required for Part B.

There was discussion on the student enrollment projections regarding the PDE, PEL-A, PEL-B, and Housing Starts enrollment projections. The cost involved with the submission on each PlanCon, which was quoted at \$5,000 per submission with the respective amounts to be credited toward the architect fees when the projects are approved was discussed. The PlanCon moratorium and process was discussed. Mr. Szablowski explained that the District borrows the funds for the construction project as designed and approved by the Board and the State reimburses the District over the term of the repayment agreement at the reimbursement rate determined through the PlanCon reimbursement calculation. There were suggestions from members regarding the project design and need for the renovations and new buildings. Committee members discussed maintenance costs on old buildings versus the renovations and the increased energy efficiency. The roof replacement at BASH was used as an example.

After the various discussion items, administration asked for a committee recommendation to have the School Board consider the approval of the four (4) PlanCon part A/B applications that comprise Option 5 to appear on the next Board agenda for September 11, 2012. The majority of committee members in attendance supported the recommendation.

There was no public comment

Mr. Crossley adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.