

**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
JULY 23, 2012  
MINUTES**

Mr. Crossley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Education Center Board Room.

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Christman, Mr. Crossley, Mr. Elsier (6:14), Mrs. Hartford (Telephone), Mrs. Semmens, Mrs. Usavage

Administration: Dr. Betts, Dr. Beerer, Mr. Scoboria, Mr. Szablowski, Dr. Weller, Mr. Grenewald

Public: 6

Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence

There was no public comment.

Mrs. Usavage moved for the approval of the April 9, 2012 meeting minutes, second by Mrs. Semmens. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Mark Barnhardt and Leah Shiley from EI Associates made a presentation regarding the District-wide Feasibility Study, discussing the District's student population projections, building capacity and reviewing possibly recommendations. Each building's history and current condition was discussed as well as cost estimates to update each building to "like new" status. The State's PlanCon process was discussed including the recently initiated moratorium on State reimbursable projects. The State's deadline for submitting PlanCon Part A for possible reimbursement has been established for October 1, 2012. There was discussion on several issues including building utilization, especially at the secondary level. The next steps in the Feasibility Study were discussed and several meetings and an action plan were discussed. The Committee established meetings on August 6<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Education Center. The Feasibility Study will be presented to the entire Board at the August 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting when several options to address the District's growth will be discussed. There was discussion about the two September Board meetings including possible action items to approve PlanCon Part A submissions prior to the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. A copy of the EI Associates presentation is included with the minutes.

Mrs. Hartford disconnected from the meeting.

Kurt Davidheiser, representing the Boyertown Area Wrestling Association (BAWA), with BASD wrestling coaches, Pete Ventresca and John Cooley updated the committee on the current status of the wrestling mats at each of the junior high schools. The group distributed several letters from wrestling coaches and officials that detailed the safety concerns for the athletes and the condition of the mats, one mat being approximately 38 years old. A quote from the Resilite Company was reviewed to provide 2 new wrestling mats for the junior highs at a cost of \$19,995. BAWA proposed paying for one mat and the District paying for one mat. In exchange for the financial commitment from BAWA, the District would agree to waive the facility rental fees for the BAWA summer camps and the Bear Duals held in December for the next five years, which cost the organization an estimated \$10,000. Mr. Ventresca also stated that through his contact at Resilite, the company would agree to recondition the JHW mat at no cost for use at BASH. The approximate savings for this service is \$5,000. The committee discussed the proposition and was in favor of proceeding with the purchase using the Capital Projects Fund. There was discussion about the timing of the Board meeting in August to authorize the purchase and the lead time to have the new mats delivered by the start of the wrestling season. The five members in attendance supported the ordering of the mats in July with subsequent approval of the purchase and the BAWA agreement at the August board meeting.

Paul Grenewald updated the committee on the status of the summer projects and shared pictures of the respective projects. The JHW roof has been completed ahead of schedule. The EES water tank replacement and water treatment is proceeding very well. The BES bathroom project will be ready for the new school year. Mr. Grenewald also shared updates on the CES lunch table replacements, the BASH HVAC air separator installation, the NHUF fan installations funded by the NHUF HSA, BASH Kitchen floor and dishwasher installation and carpet replacements throughout the District.

Mr. Szablowski led a discussion on the funding options for the Capital Projects Fund summer projects. Mr. Szablowski reviewed the preliminary 2011-2012 fiscal year end financials as presented in the Treasurer's report at

the July 17, 2012 Board meeting. The financial position in that report reflected a surplus of approximately \$3.4 million. Mr. Szablowski stated that not all expenditures have been accounted for. Estimating another \$1 million of expenditures and the commitment of \$1.4 million to the PSERS liability leaves \$1 million in surplus. This surplus is attributed to the extremely mild winter experienced last year, allowing the District to save budgeted expenditures in overtime expense and utility expense. These positive results coupled with the reduction in force through attrition account for the million dollars. Mr. Szablowski requested that the Committee authorize the transfer of \$1 million from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to be placed on the August 21<sup>st</sup> Board agenda for approval. The Committee agreed.

Mr. Szablowski updated the Committee on the proposed School Zone signal on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Boyertown Elementary and Junior High West. With the elimination of bussing within the Borough and Presidential Estates, more children are walking to school and there is no signal on Second St. There is a signal on Madison St. in front of JHW. Colebrookdale and Douglass (Mont) townships have agreed to partner on the installation of the signal. Each Township has agreed to pay 25% of the costs involved in installing the signal. Colebrookdale Township is currently working with an engineering firm to comply with PENNDOT requirements. The projected cost is estimated at \$5,200. The actual signal will be installed by PENNDOT and the estimated cost is \$15,000. Total expenditures could equal \$20,000 of which the District will fund 50% from the Capital Projects Fund. Mr. Szablowski requested Committee authorization to have the approval of the funding commitment appear on the next Board agenda. The Committee agreed.

There was discussion on continuing the building walkthroughs which was received favorably by the Committee to schedule the remainder of the schools after the start of the new school year. Mr. Szablowski informed the Committee of recent lightning strikes in the District at the Education Center and Bear Stadium.

Mrs. Curry commented on the budget surplus and the fact that taxes in Montgomery County were raised. Mrs. Curry asked why other funds such

as Debt Service or Gilbertsville will not be used to fund the summer projects. Mr. Szablowski explained that the building operations budget in 12-13 should not be cut due to a mild winter in 11-12 because the winter season for the 12-13 year might not be as mild. Mr. Szablowski explained that if another mild winter produces positive variances in the budget; the surplus should be used to fund summer projects. As for the use of the other funds, the district may be possibly considering a building project and the other funds could be used for “seed money” in starting a building project before any financing would be required.

Mr. Crossley adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.