

**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
MAY 6, 2013  
MINUTES**

Mr. Crossley, Facilities Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Education Center Board Room.

Board members attending: Mr. Crossley, Dr. Christman, Mrs. Dierolf, Mr. Elsler, Mrs. Hartford, Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Semmens, Mrs. Usavage.

Administration: Mr. Scoboria, Dr. Amuso, Mr. Szablowski, Mr. Grenewald, Dr. Cooper, BASH Principal.

Members of the Public: 11

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

No Public Comment

The minutes from the committee meetings of 4/30/13 were approved as moved by Mrs. Usavage, second by Dr. Christman.

The Committee continued discussion on the possible BASH Three-Story Building Alternatives. Mr. Mark Barnhardt from EI Associates presented various scenarios for upgrading the building. A copy of the presentation is included with these minutes. Options for upgrading the building ranged from the basic supply of the building utilities at an approximate cost of \$1 million to a full renovation of the building at a cost of \$14.275 million. There was much discussion over the possible uses for the building and the Committee discussed establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to explore the possible building uses. There was consensus that the old building should not be used for regular education purposes and that the building would remain, with no demolition of any portion of the building. The Committee members agreed that the School Board should lead the committee and include members of the public, teachers, and students. It was agreed that the Board would appoint Board Members at the May 14, 2013 Board meeting. The timeline for the project was discussed and whether or not the use of the old

building could be included in the bidding documents to possibly save on the cost of the project.

The selection of a firm to provide Construction Management services for the BASH renovations and additions was discussed. The Committee recommended that D'Huy Engineering be recommended for Board approval at the next meeting on May 14, 2013.

The approval of PLANCON Parts D & E was discussed. PlanCon part D was summarized as the submission of the Act 34 hearing booklet, legal transcript, and all public comments received regarding the high school renovations and additions through Friday, May 10, 2013 at Noon. PlanCon Part E marks the end of the design development phase and the start of the construction document phase. Updated schematic and designs as well as building systems information will be forwarded to PDE and the review of the updated information would be subject to a conference with PDE. There was discussion about the inclusion of the old building and possible uses and needed renovations. Mr. Barnhardt stated that the old building could be included in the construction document phase if there was a decision made on the use of the building. To comply with the current schedule, which reflects a bid award in December, the decision would have to be made in June or July. The other option would be to consider the renovations to the old building as a separate project.

Dr. Christman commented on the enrollment at Gilbertsville Elementary and expressed his concern about the impact of increased enrollment on the common areas of the building including the cafeteria for serving lunch and the various special subject areas including physical education, art and music.

Mrs. Hartford suggested the District review the student attendance areas for each school to determine what the true enrollment would look like if each student went to their "neighborhood" school. This would disregard the gray areas and possibly revert the school attendance areas back to where they were several years earlier.

Mr. Crossley discussed the BASH room utilization, the rooms used during the day and the number of students in each room. The academy structure was discussed with questions on student achievement and the effect on

PSSA test scores and other possible educational results, like SAT scores, graduation rates and attendance.

Mrs. Linda Curry discussed the feasibility study and the change in the pricing for construction management services.

Announcements

May 14, 2013	7:00 pm	School Board Meeting	Education Center
<b>(Proposed date of PLANCON Part D &amp; E approval)</b>			
May 21, 2013	5:30 pm	Facilities Committee	Education Center

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm on a motion by Mrs. Dierolf.