

**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Boyertown, Pennsylvania**

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**Facilities Planning Committee Meeting**

**October 1, 2013**

**Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Crossley, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Education Center Board Room.

Members attending: Dr. Christman, Mr. Crossley, Mrs. Dierolf, Mr. Elsier, Mrs. Hartford (tele-conference), Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Semmens, Mrs. Usavage Administration: Dr. Faidley, Mr. Scoboria, 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 meeting of 9/17/13 were moved by Mr. Elsier, second by Mr. Nichols. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

An update on the BASH construction project was given by Jay Clough from KCBA Architects, who reviewed the conceptual design progress of the high school building. A copy of the presentation is included with these minutes. There was discussion about the presentation and questions were posed concerning the bus transportation, the tutoring/small group instruction (SGI) rooms, the ninth grade academy, which is proposed to be housed in the old three story structure, the proposed extension of Monroe St. to Montgomery Ave. and the status of the traffic study, the parking availability and the status of the A.C.E. Grant, which would fund the LEED design of the building. Mr. Clough emphasized the four objectives that the District has in planning the building design. The four objectives are:

- Develop and maintain a collaborative environment
- Develop and maintain an academy structure
- Develop and maintain a Grade 9 academy within the academy structure
- Develop and maintain campus security

Arif Fazil, Principal of D'Huy Engineering, construction management firm for the BASH project provided an update on the project and stated the design as presented is currently being reviewed for budgetary impact and that the budget review would be presented at the next Facilities Committee meeting. Mr. Fazil acknowledged the School Board's budget of \$55

million for this project and discussed the formulation of the cost figures. Mr. Szablowski confirmed with the Committee the fact that the \$55 million was for the additions/renovations for the building and associated improvements and that in developing the project costs, items such as the cost of financing the project would not be counted toward the \$55 million budget. There was also clarification that the amount paid to EI Associates would also not be considered or included in the \$55 million budget. The committee members agreed to these stipulations.

The status of the three other Plancon projects were discussed. The three projects include the addition/renovations to the Junior High West Center, the additions/renovations to the Colebrookdale Elementary School and the construction of a new elementary school. Based on a recommendation from KCBA Architects, the School Board will be asked to take action to renew or confirm the District's intent to continue with these three projects. Due to the PlanCon moratorium and the fact that these are future projects, the letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Education will preserve the respective projects' status in the PlanCon process. The committee discussed the proposed action and supported the recommended action to appear on the next Board agenda.

Mr. Szablowski reviewed the plan for District wide Capital Projects. With the 2014-2015 Budget process beginning and each building's budget meeting set, the District will include all the requested building improvements on the Capital Projects list and also incorporate the District's Long-Term Planned improvements. An example of such projects that will now appear of the list, will include the replacement of building doors and entrances at each of the school buildings, which will be addressed over the next 3-4 years and the upgrade of each building's HVAC capabilities. The long term planning will assist in the District's budgeting for future building upgrades and the funding of the Capital Projects Fund as well as possible debt issues. The committee supported the long term planning of the District building and operations.

The need for another Facilities Committee meeting was discussed and the committee agreed to establish October 15, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Education Center prior the Finance Committee as the next meeting.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Crossley Announcements:

October 8, 2013	Curriculum Committee, Education Center, 6:00 p.m.
October 8, 2013	Board of School Directors, Education Center, 7:00 p.m.
October 15, 2013	Facilities Committee, Education Center, 6:00 p.m.
October 15, 2013	Finance Committee, Education Center, 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Semmens moved for adjournment, second by Mr. Nichols. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.