

**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
MAY 21, 2013  
MINUTES**

Mr. Crossley, Facilities Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Education Center Board Room.

Board members attending: Mr. Crossley, Dr. Christman, Mrs. Dierolf, Mr. Elsier (6:53), Mrs. Hartford (5:35), Mrs. Semmens, Mrs. Usavage.

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

Members of the Public: 5

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

**Public Comment**

Janet Mock commented on the BASH construction project the underground utilities, specifically the buried sanitation lines, and the Land Development Plans to be submitted to Colebrookdale Township and the Boyertown Borough.

Charles Haddad talked about the use of the old High School and volunteered himself and Hugh Kelly to serve on the proposed committee.

The minutes from the committee meetings of 5/6/13 were approved as moved by Mrs. Usavage, second by Mrs. Semmens.

David Szablowski reviewed the administrative recommendation to utilize the PSBA sponsored Owner Controlled Insurance Program for the BASH construction project. Mr. Szablowski reviewed the benefits of the program and the pricing. The Committee had several questions on the program. Mr. Szablowski addressed various questions and promised to submit the questions to the insurance professionals and distribute the responses to the Board Members.

Two properties adjacent to District owned property were recently listed for sale. The first property is an automotive maintenance business next to the Gilbertsville Elementary property on Big Road and listed through a realtor. The Committee felt the asking price was too high for the property and they questioned the usefulness of the land as it is

situated to the school property. The second parcel is adjacent to Colebrookdale Elementary and was available through a Sheriff's sale. There was discussion about the listed price for the sale and the Committee felt the property was not worth the advertised price, but wanted to explore bidding a lesser amount. The sale date was questioned and it was determined that the initial date was postponed.

The Committee was updated on the status of the ACE Grant application and the fact that the \$2 million grant award was tabled by DCED citing "local controversy" over the project. The suggestion to send a letter from the School Board communicating the support for the project was discussed. Administration was asked to supply the Board with a draft letter to be considered at a June Board meeting. The letter would ask the DCED to approve the District's grant application.

EI Associates updated the Committee on the status of the BASH Project and addressed questions about the benefits and differences of the project being either Gold or Silver LEED qualified. The decision to utilize the geo-thermal system on the Building's HVAC design was reviewed and discussed.

Janet Mock commented on the property adjacent to Colebrookdale Elementary School and talked about the possible numbers of bidders and their qualification for the BASH project.

Mr. Crossley discussed the formation of an Ad Hoc committee to determine the use for the old three story High School Building. There was extensive discussion about the structure of the committee, who would serve on the committee and the timing of the committee recommendation. Mr. Crossley asked why there was a limitation of no educational programs in the building, but supported not tearing the building down, but emphasized that the building should not be left idle. Mrs. Semmens discussed the Ad Hoc structure versus the committee being led by administration to assist the School Board in reviewing alternatives for the building's future use.

Mr. Crossley made the following meeting announcements:

May 28, 2013	5:30 pm	Curriculum Committee	Boyertown El.
May 28, 2013	7:00 pm	School Board Meeting	Boyertown El.

Mrs. Semmens moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:55 pm.