

**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES COMMITTEE
JULY 23, 2013
MINUTES**

The Facilities Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Mr. Crossley, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room in the Education Center.

Board members attending: Mr. Crossley, Mrs. Dierolf, Mr. Elsier, Mrs. Hartford (teleconference), Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Semmens, Mrs. Usavage.
Administration: Dr. Faidley, Mr. Miles, Mr. Scoboria, Mr. Szablowski, Mr. Grenewald, Dr. Cooper, BASH Principal.

Members of the Public: 23

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: Mrs. Curry stated that the agenda for this meeting was not posted on the District website.

The minutes from the committee meeting of 7/9/13 were moved by Mrs. Semmens, second by Mr. Elsier. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Mr. Sultanik, District Solicitor, outlined the procedures for the meeting stating the School Board would not be commenting publically on the presentations and would immediately go into Executive session to discuss legal issues after the announcement of future meetings.

Presentations

Jim Martin, Project Manager with EI Associates, presented an update on the Boyertown Area Senior High School (BASH) renovation/addition project; a copy of the presentation is included with these minutes. Mr. Martin stated that EI Associates has 30% of the construction documentation complete. Mr. Martin reviewed the schematics of the BASH building project and informed the committee of several changes regarding the project design, namely the reduction of square footage associated with each of the academy

stair towers and the rooms contained in each. The IT Department and print shop were moved from the original site at the middle of the building at the southern portion of the building and split between the southeast corner of the building for IT and the southwest corner for the printing operations. The views from the outside of buildings with the changes were shared with the committee. Mr. Martin reviewed the original project budget of \$54,989,300 including \$19,919,400 for the renovation of 294,000 sq. ft. and the new additions of 136,000 sq. ft. for \$24,072,000. Mr. Martin continued to explain a difference in the budget identified after several meetings with D'Huy engineering and Administration. Mr. Martin stated that based on an error in the square footage for the renovation amount used in the calculation, the project budget estimate was revised and presented a new project estimate of \$65,567,500 as per the project's current design.

Arif Fazil, D'Huy Engineering, followed with their update on the BASH project, which is included with these minutes. The timeline for the project was reviewed. The schematics for each floor of the high school were presented with the areas of renovations color coded to the extent of the renovations as designed. Level 1 (green) is designated as the lowest level of renovations with least amount of work scheduled to be performed. Level 2 (orange) required a higher level of renovation and Level 3 (pink) being the most extensive planned renovations. Mr. Fazil stated that in his opinion the planned renovations were utilitarian, with the finishes being very plain and functional. Most of the work is to address mechanical, electrical and plumbing, with little aesthetic work involved. Based on the planned renovations at all three levels and the proposed sq. footage of new construction, Mr. Fazil validated the budget of the original design at the \$65 million figure. However, there were several scope changes requested by the School District that were not included in the revised number. The scope modifications, including items such as the Monroe St. extension to Montgomery Ave. and the upgrade of all lighting in the building were not included in the \$65 million. The estimated value of the scope changes are \$3,768,000. With the scope changes and additional contingency funds, D'Huy Engineering estimate the project as currently designed would cost \$70,835,500. Proposed alternates as discussed by the School Board would need to be added to this total.

There were several brief discussions about the project and the solicitor asked several questions to verify the information as it was presented to the Committee.

Public Comment

John Landino commented on the BASH project suggesting this was a time to stop the project and consider other building projects as alternatives.

Janet Mock commented on the Architect/Engineer and questioned their performance.

Linda Curry suggested the review and usage of the old three story high school building.

Chris Neiman asked for the project to be stopped, stating that in December 2013 five (5) new members would be sitting on the School Board.

Mr. Crossley announced the following meetings:

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| July 30, 2013 | Policy Committee | 6:00 PM | Education Center |
| August 20, 2013 | Facilities Committee | 5:30 PM | Education Center |
| August 20, 2013 | Personnel Committee | 6:30 PM | Education Center |
| August 20, 2013 | School Board Meeting | 7:00 PM | Education Center |

The Committee announced they would be adjourning from an executive session to discuss legal matters.

Mrs. Semmens moved for adjournment, second by Mrs. Dierolf. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.