

**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
JULY 9, 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, Mrs. Hartford, Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Semmens, Mrs. Usavage.

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

Members of the Public: 15

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 meetings of 5/21/13 were moved by Mrs. Semmens, second by Mr. Elsier. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Mr. Szablowski provided an update on the Owner Controlled Insurance Program proposed to be used for the BASH construction project. Several weeks earlier the Board members were provided with written answers to questions about the program. Both the architect and construction manager had an opportunity to have their questions answered at a recent project team meeting and support the program. Committee members suggested checking references of school districts that have used the program and communicating those to the Board members. The committee supported the OCIP program appearing on the July 23 agenda for consideration.

Mr. Szablowski updated the committee on the status of the District's application for the Alternate & Clean Energy (ACE) grant. The ACE Grant, which would provide up to \$2 million toward the BASH project was applied for in March. At the May funding meeting, the decision was made to table the grant award to Boyertown citing local controversy until July 10, 2013.

The School Board sent a letter to the department of Community & Economic Development (DCED), the decision making board, supporting the project. The District received an email from EI Associates informing the District that the DCED had postponed the decision meeting scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> and that the next meeting was scheduled for September 17, 2013. The District will await the September meeting to learn of the grant award.

Jim Martin, EI Associates, Project Manager for the BASH project, addressed the committee with an update on the project. PlanCon parts D & E were submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education and accepted. There is an outstanding issue concerning the proposed use of the old three-story high school that will need to be responded to prior to the submission of PlanCon part F submission. Mr. Martin stated that the traffic study has begun and the firm, Traffic Planning & Design, did complete their initial traffic counts prior to the end of the school year. There was discussion about the study, the process and PENNDot regarding the extension of Monroe St. to Montgomery Ave. Mr. Martin shared that the construction documents, which includes several hundred technical drawings, are progressing. There was discussion about the old building and the progress of the committee to determine the potential uses for the building.

Mr. Szablowski updated the committee on the presentation of the project and the District's waiver request to the Boyertown Borough Council. The waiver was submitted to the Boyertown Borough Planning Commission and both the Borough engineers and the Commission recommended the Borough not approve the waiver. EI Associates made a brief presentation to the Borough Council about the construction plans and although the Borough denied the waiver request, they suggested that several items concerning the land development could be conceded to Colebrookdale Township but their main concerns were the parking and traffic flow issues. The Borough suggested that if the extension of Monroe St. was included in the base bid specifications instead of the proposed alternate bid, there might be more support. There was discussion about the Monroe St. extension and the fact that the construction entrance would most likely be located at the same location. The finishing of the street after construction was discussed and a majority of the committee agreed to include the Monroe St. extension in the project and not consider it an alternate. The District plans to attend the next Borough Planning Commission meeting to negotiate a land development plan that would satisfy both entities without the submission of all items to two planning commissions.

John Hartman, Project Manager representing D'Huy Engineering, was introduced. D'Huy has been in attendance at two project meetings and Mr. Hartman summarized that D'Huy is reviewing the project, the timeline, the phasing and the budget and will be ready to make their first presentation to the Board later in July.

Public Comment

Janet Mock suggested erecting a pole building as an alternative to the maintenance garage included as an alternate bid item in the construction project. She questioned the possible use of the old building and the manual counting methodology used during the recent traffic study.

Linda Curry spoke about the old building usage and expressed her interest in participating on the committee.

Announcements

July 16, 2013	5:30 pm	Curriculum Committee	Ed. Center
July 16, 2013	7:00 pm	School Board Meeting	Ed. Center

Mr. Crossley adjourned the meeting at 6:39 PM.