

BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Boyertown, Pennsylvania

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Facilities Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Meeting Minutes

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

Members attending: Dr. Christman, Mrs. Dennin, Mr. Elsier, Mr. Landino, Ms. Neiman, Mrs. Usavage

Administration: Mr. Scoboria, Mr. Szablowski, Mr. Grenewald

Members of the Public: 9

Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and observed a moment of silence.

Public Comment

Heather Bass-DeYoung talked about the need for air conditioning in the elementary schools and requested that the project planning proceed. She offered to serve on any committee or assist in any way.

Liz Theisen discussed the need to air condition the elementary schools and shared information regarding the effect of heat on student learning and the temperatures in the building relative to outside the building.

The minutes from the committee meeting of 7/14/15 were reviewed and amended to include information about need for new deeds for residents of Montgomery Avenue in conjunction with the Monroe St. extension. It was stated that new deeds would not be required and that the Penn DOT right of ways would become part of the deed at no cost to the property owner. There was also a request to add the title of Public Comment #2 to the minutes as the minutes read as if Mrs. Dierolf's comments were part of the committee and not a public comment. The minutes were moved by Dr. Christman, second by Mrs. Usavage. The minutes were adopted unanimously as amended.

John Hartman from D'Huy Engineering, and Jay Clough from KCBA Architects gave the committee an update on the BASH construction/renovation project. There was discussion about some water damage that occurred during a recent rainstorm. The costs will be covered by the contractors. The warping of the Bear Gym floor was discussed. During construction this summer, the "cupping" of the floor boards occurred and is being evaluated to determine the cause and how the floor will be repaired. There was a discussion on the communication of various incidents to the Board members by administration. It was agreed that if the safety and welfare of students are concerned, Board members should be informed immediately. Less than emergency events can be communicated in the newsletter at a later time.

Mr. Bill Cherkasky, BASH Teacher, presented an idea to preserve the history of the 1920/1930 three story building at the High School. Mr. Cherkasky in creating a documentary of the building before the planned renovations, thought that the various wood trim around the blackboards, the doors and cabinets currently in the classrooms should be preserved instead of being replaced. Mr. Cherkasky has obtained a quote to remove the wood trim and the chalk rails and have the items refinished with the plan to utilize the refurbished trim around the planned whiteboards in several of the classrooms. The cost would not exceed \$10,000. To offset these

added cost, Mr. Cherkasky suggested that the doors, cabinets and the historic auditorium seats, that are also to be replaced in the renovation, be sold at public auction. The committee members fully supported the proposal.

Mr. Grenewald updated the Committee on the summer construction projects. Pictures of the upgrades installed at the elementary school entrances were shared. The District is awaiting delivery of doors to complete the Washington elementary entrance. Mr. Grenewald continued to share the other projects completed this summer.

Mr. Szablowski discussed the proposed JHW construction project. A preliminary proposal was developed and submitted by three energy saving companies (ESCOs) after a walk-through of the building. Mr. Szablowski discussed the various scope of the project detailing the building upgrades and adding a small 4 room addition. The estimated cost for the building ranged from \$15.3 million to \$17 million, with an average of approximately \$16 million. Administration requested approval to proceed with the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the JHW renovation project that will be executed as a Hybrid under the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA), where part of the project will be funded by energy savings and part would be eligible for State reimbursement.

Mr. Szablowski presented information to address the installation of HVAC systems at the elementary schools. The latest feasibility study was used to provide cost estimates for the installation of air conditioning at these schools and the estimated costs were approximately \$16 million. Mr. Szablowski stated that the elementary HVAC installation could be added as additional scope to the GESA RFP. Mr. Szablowski stated that the funding for the project would be discussed in depth at the next Finance Committee meeting, but proposed the use of the Gilbertsville, Washington, JHW Fund to fund this project. The name of the fund, which contains approximately \$4.2 million in leftover funds from the construction projects for the three buildings for which the fund was named, be changed to the Elementary HVAC Fund. There was discussion on how the projects would be funded, and how much money would need to be borrowed. The committee supported adding the HVAC installation to the RFP for the GEAS project.

Committee Comments

Ms. Neiman had concerns about the debt service and starting this project before the Senior High Project is finished. What if we have increased costs with the existing projects? Ms. Neiman brought up concerns about complaints she has received about classrooms that are extremely hot. She also discussed the temperature variations at BASH. Mr. Grenewald addressed the comments and stated that the High School has not been balanced and there will be variations until the entire building is complete.

Mrs. Usavage inquired on the status of the State Budget. There was discussion about the budget and how the impasse is effecting the District's financial situation.

Mr. Landino discussed proceeding with the RFP and the HVAC project to determine the actual updated costs for all the projects. This is the due diligence required to determine the costs. The recent graffiti incident was discussed and the need for more outside cameras.

Dr. Faidley discussed a budget conversation he had with a State Legislator. Currently there is no compromise from either side of the impasse.

Public Comment Period #2

Ruth Dierolf asked about the exterior windows at Junior High West. The elimination of 7 100-day teachers was observed. Mrs. Dierolf questioned the cash flow projections because of the State budget.

Mrs. Curry talked about the windows at JHW. She questioned the comment about a fee that the District would be responsible for should the ESCO contract be cancelled. Mrs. Curry posed several questions about facilities and the recent Board meeting at the High School and her concerns about the unsecured construction supplies.

Liz Thiesen talked about the need for air conditioning and enabling all students to learn. She understands the financial impact of the proposed projects but the small annual cost to each taxpayer is necessary and an investment in the community and will help housing because of District's achievements.

Mr. Elsier announced the following meetings:

September 22, 2015	Curriculum Committee	Earl Elementary – Library	6:00 p.m.
September 22, 2015	School Board Meeting	Earl Elementary – Multi-Purpose	7:00 p.m.
September 29, 2015	Finance Committee	Ed. Center – Board Room	6:00 p.m.
October 6, 2015	Facilities Committee	Ed. Center – Board Room	6:00 p.m.
October 13, 2015	Personnel Committee	Ed. Center – Conference Room A	6:00 p.m.
October 13, 2015	School Board Meeting	Ed. Center – Board Room	7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.