

**Olentangy Development Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes of April 6, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**Olentangy Administrative Offices**

**In attendance for the Development Committee were:**

- Antronica, Anthony
- Au, Ralph
- Frash, David
- Fuller, Robert
- Jacobs, Marty
- Jurawitz, Sharon
- Kroskie, Kelly
- Lewis, Tony
- Muharrem, Gurgun
- Oliver, Gene
- Reiner, Charles
- Schroeder, Mark
- Schuette, John
- Seils, Rich
- Thomas, Ron
- Vasbinder, Mike
- Weaver, Deb

Also in attendance were Stacy Dunbar, Linda Martin, Keith Pomeroy, Susan Staum, Terri Shaw and Andy Kerr.

Ralph Au called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda and meeting minutes.

**Mike Vasbinder moved and Gene Oliver seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**

**Gene Oliver moved and Mike Vasbinder seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.**

Ralph introduced the new member, Kelly Kroskie. She serves on the Long Range Planning Committee and has attended the past two meetings of this sub-committee. Kelly was approved last month by the committee but was unable to attend.

Ralph shared the revised role and responsibility proposal he presented to the BOE during their January 19 meeting. The document states in part, "Support the Board of Education and Administration for the planning, construction and support of the physical facilities of the Olentangy Local Schools. Development Committee shall assist Executive Director of Operations and Facilities and regularly report findings and recommendations to the Board of Education." The document was approved as presented by the Board during that meeting.

Ralph reported on a recent article from the Columbus Dispatch listing 2010 census results that show "Olentangy schools have a higher percentage of kids living within the district than any of the other 48 school districts in the seven-county central Ohio area." Nearly one-third of Olentangy residents are under the age of 18 compared to surrounding districts showing just one-fourth of their residents. Dejong/Healy will take the 2010 census results and factor in this information for future projections. Our current enrollment projections show continued growth in student population showing incoming kindergarteners out numbering graduating seniors until the 2017/18 school year.

Ralph attended the last Project 2020 meeting and shared the presentation given during that meeting. The project charter reads, "To develop strategic and tactical plans targeting a more sustainable and cost efficient environment for the future educational needs of Olentangy Local Schools." One of the objectives is to "evaluate all operational and technology based options to minimize or eliminate the needs for additional 'brick and mortar' facilities." This objective will be the focus of the Development Committee's participation in this project. The Development Committee was charged with several tasks: determine the cost of building the fourth high school; determine costs, feasibility and scheduling associated with expanding current high school buildings; building conversions; temporary structures; and the purchase or lease of existing buildings within the surrounding area.

The cost of the fourth high school has already been calculated. The LRPC sub-committee has already determined the constraints of increasing student enrollment in existing buildings and determined the maximum capacity of the existing high schools. The FAM sub-committee will determine the cost and feasibility of increasing the square footage of the existing buildings. Andy is researching an option regarding building conversions and will bring that information back to the committee in the near future. The FAM will also research the use of temporary structures and the lease/purchase of existing commercial buildings. Project 2020 committee has set an August 1 deadline for data collection. The Development Committee will be able to gather the information requested without the need for paid consultants.

Further discussion covered the possibility of expanding the school day beyond the current 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. timeframe. Research shows building utilization can be expanded by twenty percent when the facilities are used for longer periods each day. With this option, there is not a need to expand existing common areas such as lunchroom space,

hallways, restrooms, etc.

The primary focus will be to find alternatives to building the fourth high school without compromising academic achievement and maintaining academic excellence in the most cost efficient manner.

Andy reported on the progress of the current construction and facilities projects.

Heritage Elementary School is on target to be completed three to four weeks early. This building will open with approximately 300 kindergarten students and will serve as the over-flow building as enrollment in other elementary buildings exceeds capacity.

Berkshire Middle School still proves to be a challenge as the completion date draws near. This building is now projected to be complete by June 20. Bill O'Sullivan remains onsite to insure the quality of the project will not be compromised as it moves to completion.

The bid opening for the district-wide wireless project is scheduled for April 12. There has been a lot of interest in this project and we anticipate many will participate in the bidding process. The project schedule should be finalized in May.

Terri Shaw and Scott Shively are working on the 2011 capital improvement projects. This is the first year all documentation has been prepared in-house, saving the District additional fees. This has been an exceptionally time consuming process but will pave the way for this practice to be continued in subsequent years realizing additional savings.

The bid opening for capital improvements is scheduled for April 26 but all documentation clearly states that these projects are dependent on the passage of the May levy. The Development Committee will review the bids during the May meeting and make a recommendation that will go to the BOE later in May.

This summer will be very busy as HES and BMS are completed; wireless technology is installed in most buildings; painting, flooring and paving takes place at various locations; high school photo labs are converted to digital; high school auditorium lighting is changed; grounds are mulched; and the usual summer cleaning takes place.

Andy gave an update on the HB 264 project that received OSFC approval last month. Andy and Terri Shaw met with Roger Fields & Assoc. to prioritize projects for this summer. Gymnasium lighting and occupancy sensors are a few items to be completed this year with others to begin next summer. These projects are not dependent on passage of the May levy or the State's bi-annual budget as funding has already been determined. The completion of these projects will save the District a half million dollars in utility costs.

Andy distributed the current enrollment data that included the monthly enrollment as of March 2; projected enrollment numbers for the 2011/12 school year; and the number of kindergarten registration requests as of April 4. To date, the District has received about the same number of kindergarten registration requests as this time last year.

Cuts in State funding will have a big impact on OLSD. The proposal will cut more than forty percent from current funding levels.

The mandate for all-day kindergarten was repealed and new legislation may allow school districts the option to charge a fee for all-day kindergarten to help offset some of the costs. This option will still be discussed for future implementation at Olentangy but space will continue to be a factor. HES will still open with a full day kindergarten program for students with the greatest academic needs. Future enrollment models using full day kindergarten projections will no longer be considered.

There were no future agenda items discussed.

**Mike Vasbinder moved and Robert Fuller seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Kerr