

**Olentangy Facilities Committee Meeting**  
**September 7, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Olentangy Administrative Offices**

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Au, Ralph         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hart, Bob        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryant, Angie     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jurawitz, Sharon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cailteux, Andy               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowry, Alyssa    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coghlan, Brian    | <input type="checkbox"/> Seils, Rich                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eisenhower, Frank | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott, Mark      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuller, Robert    |  |

Also in attendance were Dave King (BOE), Jeff Gordon (Business Office), and Michelle Murphy (Business Office).

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

**Angie Bryant moved and Robert Fuller seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**

**Angie Bryant moved and Alyssa Lowry seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.**

***High School #4 Project Planning Update***

Jeff Gordon advised that the figures for GMP #3 are available and that the High School #4 project is approximately \$400,000 under budget. This does not include the contingency funds which would yield additional savings (should they go unused over the course of the project).

Mr. Gordon shared that there would be a 4<sup>th</sup> GMP for this project. GMP #4 will be reviewed around 9/15/2016 and encompasses only seven percent of the total High School #4 project budget. It is hopeful that the project will remain under budget once these costs are received.

Gilbane has not expressed any budgetary concerns to the district relevant to the High School #4 project. At this time, the High School #4 project is still on time schedule for a 2018 school year opening.

***Energy Project Update***

Jeff Gordon advised members that the district's Energy Project was submitted to the State of Ohio and is in the review process. He indicated that the State had asked H.E.A.T. a few questions relevant to the submittal which means that it is being actively reviewed. It is expected to be complete at any time. Mr. Gordon shared that he had met with district Treasurer, Brian Kern, before he left the district relevant to financing for the Energy Project. It is believed that Mr. Kern shared this

information with the district's Interim Treasurer and that the district will be able to proceed forward once the project approvals have been received and the data is evaluated.

### ***District Enrollment Planning***

Chairman Au advised that the Long Range Planning SubCommittee had met with district Superintendent, Mark Raiff, on 9/6/2016 to discuss the enrollment numbers and to determine the data and reporting that would be needed to best assist the district with planning for future buildings and redistricting efforts.

The most recent enrollment reports indicate growth greater than expected at the elementary school levels, most notably at the Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade levels. Reports do not indicate an increase of births within the district for the past year. It is suspected that the increase in elementary school aged children may be due to real estate sales of existing homes within the district. However, enrollment numbers within the Greenmeadows and Highmeadows subdivisions oddly do not reflect this theory. These are generally the subdivisions that are used as a "bellwether" for the district to determine average trend changes within the district. As a result, it is thought that Scott Leopold should assist with a more in depth study by subdivision of the enrollment changes within the district to determine if younger families are moving into subdivisions of a greater price point. Specifically, Mr. Au would like to know where the Kindergarteners are residing.

Reports do indicate a rise in building permits (which was anticipated). However, there is not a dramatic spike in the building permits that might explain the growth at the elementary school levels. Mr. Au advised that the Traditional Smoothing Model will continue to be used for enrollment projections planning, but indicated that a more aggressive model or method may be sought out which may better reflect the current growth numbers that are being seen within the district.

When taking the current enrollment numbers into consideration with the spike in Kindergarteners, it is quite possible that the district may need to consider the construction of Elementary School #16. While the enrollment numbers and reporting are still preliminary at this time, Mr. Au believed it to be prudent to consider the current costing and location of a possible 16<sup>th</sup> elementary school for the district.

Some discussion of a preschool only building was engaged. It was believed that such a facility could open up numerous classrooms at each of the elementary schools for K-5 occupancy. However, there was some concern about the youngest of the Olentangy student population needing to be bussed for longer periods of time to a centralized preschool only location. More discussion will need to follow on facility needs for the Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade student population.

Current enrollment projections also show middle school enrollment numbers flirting with capacity at this time as well. However, it was believed that there was more flexibility within the middle school facilities to continue to house students at the current or slightly increased enrollment rates. Capacity for the middle schools was once thought to be at 900 students per facility, but the schools are demonstrating the ability to house 1000 plus students well.

If current enrollment growth rates continue, it is predicted that all four district high schools will be to capacity levels by 2025-2026. However, this would be using the capacity number of 1800 students per High School Facility and as the district has already experienced, around 2000 students could be housed at most of the high school facilities (as currently configured).

At the conclusion of the discussion, Jeff Gordon asked for volunteers from the Facilities Committee to assist in the review of current construction costs and trending relevant to elementary school facilities. Mr. Gordon would like to be able to verify that the bond that was previously passed for an elementary school for the district is sufficiently funded to be able to construct a 16<sup>th</sup> elementary school if needed. This is important; as the bond was passed many years ago and construction costs have been on the rise since that time. Member Bob Hart advised that he would be able to assist Mr. Gordon with providing some of the current construction costing needed for this review. Mr. Gordon discussed that non-OFCC data would be appreciated. Mr. Hart indicated the he would email the information that he had to Mr. Gordon.

In conclusion, Chairman Au advised that he would be meeting within the next two weeks with Scott Leopold from DeJong-Richter and Tracy Healy from FutureThink for more in depth enrollment projections planning sessions. He will ask that Mr. Leopold model his projections to include and exclude Elementary School #16. He reminded members in attendance that it will be the responsibility of the Facilities Committee to report the most accurate enrollment projection numbers possible to the Board of Education, but it will be up to the Board of Education to propose the remedy (if any) for the numbers reported.

### ***General Business***

Chairman Au indicated that he would not be able to attend the next monthly Facilities Committee meeting scheduled for October 5, 2016. As a result, members in attendance were in support of changing the October meeting date to October 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The Business Office will communicate the scheduling change to the Superintendent's Office for public reporting purposes.

### ***Influencer's***

Member Brian Coghlan shared that analysts are predicting a recession at some point within 2017. He believed that this might be taken into consideration with enrollment projections. However, Chairman Au clarified that even in the last recession that our district still experienced growth, just at slower levels that seen the previous decade.

Board of Education President Dave King indicated that the BOE hoped to complete its search for a new district Treasurer by the end of October 2016.

**Ralph Au asked for a motion to adjourn the Facilities Committee meeting.**

**Bob Hart moved and Robert Fuller seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Motion Carried.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2016. The meeting will be the district's Administrative Offices.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Gordon