

Olentangy Facilities Committee Meeting
September 2, 2015 @ 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 type="checkbox"/> Hart, Bob |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bull, Eric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jurawitz, Sharon |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryant, Angie | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowry, Alyssa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cailteux, Andy | <input type="checkbox"/> Oliver, Gene |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eisenhower, Frank | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott, Mark |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuller, Robert | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seils, Rich |

Also in attendance were Dave King (BOE), Mark Raiff (OLSD Superintendent), Jeff Gordon (OLSD Business Office), and Michelle Murphy (OLSD 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 Sharon Jurawitz 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 5, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

High School Expansion Solution Options

A request was made by the BOE to revisit and further research the option for a freshman only building for the district as a possible solution to address future student enrollment growth. A document containing the projected size and costs for the freshman only facility was presented to members in attendance at the meeting. A copy of the document is available upon request through the district's Business Office. It is anticipated that initially almost 1800 students would need to be instructed in the freshman only facility. At peak attendance, it is estimated that 2300 students (or more) would be attending this facility. As a result, the following issues were identified as concerns regarding a freshman only facility:

- The size of the school would need to be nearly the size of a high school to house the estimated number of students attending it.
- Long-term, the building may be too small.
- Transportation to the facility would involve a large number of routes from all over the district, making transportation expensive and logistically challenging.
- Transportation "shuttles" would be needed to transport students to the primary high schools at the end of the day for athletic and extra-curricular events.
- Class schedules would need to be adjusted so that they did not create conflicts for the freshman students with the scheduled events at the primary high schools.
- The students would not have upper classmen as role models.

- The “neighborhood school” concept would be eliminated for this facility.
- The students would not have the opportunity to acclimate to a high school campus and members thought that the students may just perceive the freshman building as an extension of middle school.
- The land at Berlin Station would most likely be used, which would leave it unavailable in the future for High School #4.

The following advantages were identified regarding a freshman only facility:

- The construction costs would be slightly less than High School #4.
- The annual operating costs would be slightly less than that of High School #4.
- The facility would defer students off of the primary high school campuses and alleviate some of the crowding at those sites.
- Not having to purchase land for the building would keep the cost to implement this facility down.

BOE member Dave King requested that presentation reports regarding High School Expansion Solution Options be updated to include the freshman only building as an option.

Superintendent Mark Raiff was in attendance at the evening’s meeting. He shared that the students at LHS (at an enrollment of 2100 students) are starting to complain about the various challenges that such a large student enrollment population is creating. He advised that at 2200 students that LHS would simply be out of conventional classroom space and that adjustments would need to be made at the site to continue forward. Adjustments could come in many forms (schedule changes, classroom sharing, temporary classrooms, etc.). Mr. Raiff indicated that he has approximately 18 coffee chats scheduled with community members in the next month to discuss the district’s growth and potential needs. Mr. Raiff would like to keep costs down as much as possible when implementing any of the adjustments needed to accommodate the district’s enrollment growth. He also shared that he believed the freshman facility concept to potentially have too many negatives to be the overall best solution for the district. Mr. Raiff added that the alternative programs created by the district to free up space at the main high schools were in fact not effectively drawing enough students away from their primary schools to open up needed seats to supplement district enrollment growth. He indicated that millage numbers would be needed from the district’s Treasurer before any final comparisons could truly be made. Mr. Raiff advised that several project timelines and a communications plan would be discussed at the 9/3/2015 BOE meeting. Mr. King added that it was essential to keep the timeline moving forward for any of the proposed projects because there was not any indication at this time that the student enrollment growth within the district was slowing. Mr. King shared that the project timelines that he created focused on the following voting opportunities:

March 16, 2016

November 16, 2016

May 17, 2017

It was clarified that only voter approval of a levy on the March 16, 2016 ballot would allow OLSD to open a new facility in August of 2018 for student occupancy.

Members in attendance discussed that the “type” of educational experience that the district wants to offer should strongly be considered in making any decisions regarding facilities needed for the district in the future. Members believed “student life” and “morale” to be of great importance in

this decision making. Members commented that South-Western City Schools added a fourth high school when their student enrollment reached 20,000 students. Members also discussed the “known” and “unknowns” in this process. The known factor is the type of education that a fourth high school would likely result in. The unknown factor is the type of education that students would receive within three “mega” high schools in the district.

ABC Committee Update

Angie Bryant shared with members that the ABC Committee had not met since the last Facilities Committee meeting on August 5, 2015. She advised that the ABC Committee planned to meet in two weeks, twice in October, and twice in November. She indicated that the primary focus of the ABC Committee at this time was the review of the district’s elementary schools with high density enrollments. She believed that discussions relevant to high school enrollments would be scheduled at a later date.

Energy Project

Jeff Gordon shared with members that a draft of an RFP for a district energy project is currently being reviewed by Facilities Committee Members Frank Eisenhower, Eric Bull, and Mark Scott. Mr. Gordon hopes to have the document edited to incorporate any suggestions and ready to distribute for project pricing quotes in the near future. Mr. Gordon advised that the project will primarily focus on energy saving fixtures and devices (such as lighting changes) as opposed to large HVAC related equipment at this time.

The district has been very successful with its “in-house” energy conservation initiative to date. The savings anticipated for this past year is currently estimated at around \$589,000. Unfortunately, Kristin Proper who managed the program for the district is leaving the district. Michelle Cox has been hired as her replacement and will continue the initiative going forward.

Chairman Ralph Au called for a motion to present Ms. Proper with a certificate of commendation for her contributions to the district’s energy conservation initiative on behalf of the Facilities Committee.

Robert Fuller moved and Rich Seils seconded the motion to proceed with a certificate of commendation for Ms. Proper. All members in attendance were in support of the motion and none were opposed. Motion carried.

Annual Enrollment Planning

Ralph Au advised members that the Long Range Planning Subcommittee would be meeting for the first time this year (on 9/8/2015 at 3:30 p.m.) with Tracy Healy from FutureThink to discuss annual enrollment projection calculations for the district. Mr. Au requested that Ms. Healy be provided with all current district enrollment reports in preparation for this meeting. Ms. Healy will be asked to present her findings to the Facilities Committee at the 10/7/2015 meeting.

Procedures for Projects Donated to the District

An updated flowchart and procedures packet was distributed to members in attendance. Chairman Au requested that members take the information home for review and submit any suggested revisions or additions to Michelle Murphy at OLSD via email by September 30, 2015.

Mr. Au advised that he would like to take action to approve the information at October's Facilities Committee meeting.

General Business

The Building Tour originally scheduled for 9/22/2015 was discussed. The tours were originally planned for member perspective relevant to district permanent improvement needs. The tours also provided valuable insight as to space utilization and student density within the schools. At this time, a wide variety of elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools have been toured by the existing Facilities Committee membership. As a result, new building tours are being deferred until 2016.

Non-Traditional Projects

The only non-traditional project still incomplete at this time is the new baseball press box at Olentangy High School. The Boosters are in the process of "sealing" the masonry on the entire structure. Once this is complete, they plan on deeming the project complete and officially donating it to the district.

Influencers

Members discussed that the Mount Carmel Health Facility is scheduled to open in late November or early December of this year. A sales trailer has been installed out in front of Menard's to commence with membership sales. OLSD is optimistic that some use of the swimming pool at the facility will be made available to district swim teams.

Construction has started in the North Farms subdivision and homes are expected to be occupied by next year.

The first Orange Township zoning meeting regarding the Evans Farms subdivision/development project was held on September 1, 2015 at Orange Township.

Chairman Ralph Au called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Robert Fuller moved and Rich Seils seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2015. The meeting will be the district's Administrative Offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Gordon