

**Olentangy Development Committee Meeting  
Minutes of February 3, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Olentangy Administrative Offices**

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

- Antronica, Anthony
- Au, Ralph
- Frash, David
- Fuller, Robert
- Hall, Greg
- Jacobs, Marty
- Jurawitz, Sharon
- Lewis, Tony
- Manor, Mike
- Muharrem, Gurgun
- Murnane, Ann
- Peirce, Michael
- Reiner, Charles
- Schuette, John
- Seils, Rich
- Thomas, Ron
- Vasbinder, Mike
- Weaver, Deb

Also in attendance were: Michael Norton, Linda Martin, Keith Pomeroy and Andy Kerr.

John Schuette moved and Dr. Reiner seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

John Schuette moved and Robert Fuller seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2010 meeting.

Ralph Au nominated Michael Norton as a new member to the Development Committee and John Schuette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Andy Kerr gave the committee an update on the progress of construction. He indicated that the renovations and addition at Olentangy High School are completed and they are using a number of the new classrooms.

He also indicated that Cheshire Elementary is coming along nicely. Interior work is being done and they are currently painting. They are proceeding with a target date of June 1, 2010. Sewer is still an issue at the site, but the county is working towards getting this resolved.

Berkshire Middle School construction continues even with the lousy weather that we have had recently. Most of the steel is in place and they are working on the decking for the second floor and also now moving into the connector. The building is coming along well. The contractors are also working on the plumbing and electrical underground work even though the ground has been frozen. Andy indicated that the project is on schedule.

There was discussion regarding a recent meeting Andy had with members of the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission (OSFC). Our district is not able to participate in OSFC projects as the district is considered too wealthy, but the OSFC was interested in hearing how we have been so successful in keeping construction costs down. Andy discussed the success of the Development Committee over the years in helping to make that happen. He was also able to give them a tour of Hyatts Middle School, Liberty Tree Elementary, and Orange High School and also drove to the site of Cheshire Elementary so they could see first hand the building under construction. The meeting was a great opportunity for sharing of information and ideas. We are sending them our front end documents for their review, and they also want to be a part of the interviews with potential contractors for Elementary #15. They also have some information on geothermal that they are willing to provide us. The OSFC is also looking at some specialized projects for districts like us to be able to utilize OSFC funds. There are currently approximately twenty-seven districts in the state that are likely to never see funds from the OSFC.

Andy updated the committee on the kindergarten waiver request. There is a strong likelihood that the district will get approval to implement a partial plan for the 2011-12 and 2012-2013 school years. This would involve offering full-day kindergarten to approximately 300 students in each of those years. Then the 2013-2014 school year would be full implementation of all-day kindergarten. The district should know by mid-April of the State's decision.

At the January 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting the Board approved 5-0 a contract with Fanning/Howey Associates for design services for the technology upgrades to Olentangy High School. The bid documents will be out for bid in late spring.

The district is continuing to monitor building starts and the effects the extension of the first time homebuyers incentives will have on enrollment. The latest enrollment report shows a projected 15,011 students and the actual number we currently have enrolled is 15,015.

The district is also currently reviewing overcrowding at Orange Middle School and looking at options to move approximately 150 students out of that building for next school year. Andy also discussed that currently there is overflow at elementary buildings on the west side of the district and when Cheshire Elementary opens next school year that will solve the overcrowding at those buildings.

It was discussed that the Facilities and Acquisition Maintenance Subcommittee will review in the future the components to the bid documents for the technology upgrades at Olentangy High School and also Elementary #15. Both of these projects will probably be bid in late April. The district will be looking at whether it will be more cost effective for certain components to be purchased separately or purchased as an alternate to the technology upgrade project, and the bid documents will be prepared with a June 6 start date and August 1<sup>st</sup> end date.

Andy gave an update on the progress of planning for Elementary #15. We currently have tentative site plans and have met with officials from the County and Del-Co Water. Meetings are still being planned with officials from Suburban Gas, AEP, and the Delaware County Sanitary Engineers office. Then the drawings and specifications will be able to be finalized.

Andy also discussed the conversion of computer classrooms at each elementary building. These classrooms will be needed for the 2011-12 school year when a partial implementation of all-day kindergarten will occur. The committee discussed the conversion of these thirteen classrooms and that the work would take place in the summer of 2011.

The Facilities and Acquisition Maintenance Subcommittee will be conducting interviews with engineering firms in the near future to review the recent request for qualifications regarding a House Bill 264 project. We received interest from six engineering firms and are currently in the process of rating those firms and checking references.

Tony Lewis moved and Rich Seils seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Kerr