

**Olentangy Development Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes of November 2, 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 Julie Wagner Feasel, Jeff Gordon, Betsy Hutchinson, Susan Staum, Tracy Healy and Andy Kerr.

Ralph Au called the meeting to order and asked to amend the agenda to move item four up to item three and then asked for a motion to approve the agenda as amended and the meeting minutes.

**Robert Fuller moved and John Schuette seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.**

**Kelly Kroskie moved and Mike Vasbinder seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.**

Tracy Healy of DeJong-Healy gave the annual ten-year enrollment forecast report. She explained the change in methodology to determine incoming kindergarteners. This change proved to work well with actual coming within seven students of the forecasted number. The preschool enrollment is forecasted by adding 34 students each year. Betsy Hutchinson, Director of Pupil Services for elementary and preschool levels, provided input on preschool enrollment. She stated there has been a 224% increase in enrollment over the last eight years. The State mandates a preschool program for students with disabilities. Each class consists of 6 to 8 disabled students and 4 to 6 typical peer model students. There have been double digit increases in enrollment over the past 7 years with just a 5% increase this past year. The quality of the program is exceptional and draws parents to the

District. Planning has been difficult because the exact number of children ages three to five who live within the Olentangy boundaries is unknown. Moving forward, nine percent growth will be used to forecast enrollment instead of the past practice of factoring in 34 students each year. Census data shows there are 5,840 children between the ages of zero and four living in the District. This is projected to increase to 6,455 over the next five years. DeJong-Healy will work on using the kindergarten forecast model to see if it can be replicated for using a preschool model. This new model will be implemented in next year's forecast.

Ralph reviewed the enrollment projection report that is generated by the Development Committee each year based on data from the DeJong-Healy report. Looking at the HS and MS models, the high schools become overcrowded and additional space is needed in 2015/16. The plan includes a bond issue in the spring of 2013 to build another HS. When you look at capacity by building, LHS becomes over capacity first, then OOHS and then OHS. The middle schools exceed capacity in 2015/16 but can go to stretch capacity to delay the opening of MS#6 to 2016/17. Moving on to the elementary enrollment, this is the first year that the District does not show a need for a bond issue over the next ten years to build a new elementary. ES#16 has been delayed one year since last year's projections. It is now scheduled to open for the 2018/19 school year. The funding for this building was approved in a past bond issue. The opening delay is, in part, due to the fulltime kindergarten mandate being reversed. The class size ratios remain consistent from last year; however, it should be noted that this factor is very sensitive when determining building need. These projections assume buildings with balanced enrollment; since this seldom happens, this, too, is a factor that causes a higher degree of sensitivity.

Ralph asked for a motion to approve the Development Committee Enrollment Projections, November 2, 2011 report so that this information may be presented to the BOE during the November 9, 2011 meeting.

**John Schuette moved and Robert Fuller seconded the motion to approve as stated. Motion carried.**

Andy gave the construction and facilities update. HES has just a few small items to be completed. The BMS punch list has been a challenge to complete. The contractors have been given an October 31 deadline for completion. The wireless technology upgrade is nearing completion with just a few elementary buildings left to complete. Moving on to the HB264 project, Andy is working with representatives from Johnson Controls, Trane and Kahoe to find more ways to cut costs. Drawings are being prepared so this project can go out to bid by the end of November and then to the BOE for approval in December. There will be a cost benefit to ordering items early to avoid price increases. There is a committee working on determining funding for this project and are waiting for bid prices to make the final determination.

Ralph, Mike and Andy gave the Project 2020 update. This report was presented to the BOE during the October 12 meeting. All five options were presented. The Board took no action

but did ask the Development Committee to put together a timeline for each of these options. They also asked that the cost of option #3 be recalculated to include building a smaller space. By converting LTES to a sixth grade only building and opening ES#16 in 2013/14 as another sixth grade building next to BMS, this would be a cost savings and help with overcrowding for LHS. The same would then be done within the OOHS boundaries two years later. If there would be a need to add on to the existing high schools, this would enable a smaller space to be built. There is a possibility that through scheduling changes there may not be a need for additional space in the high schools. This would be a determination made by the administration not the Development Committee.

Mike Vasbinder attended a meeting to discuss how residual bond funds could be spent. He explained that these funds come from monies not spent when construction projects came in under budget and interest earned on that money. There is approximately \$14 million in residual funds to be spent; however, there are some restrictions on use. If some of these funds were used for energy saving HB264 projects, then the savings earned on efficiencies would be returned to the general fund and not have to be used to repay borrowed funding.

During the October BOE meeting, a citizens group presented information on converting the high school football fields to artificial turf. This would be done with private not District funds. They estimated that \$1.8 million (\$600,000 per field) would need to be raised. The Board encouraged the group to move forward. Andy is working with the committee to coordinate time lines, documents for either bids or RFP and bonding to protect the District. Once the money has been raised and the contractor selected, the District will take over the project. This will entail a tight schedule, starting June 1 and completed by August 1. Once completed, the cost of maintaining and replacing the fields will come from event proceeds that will increase due to the durability of the fields. The fields have a ten year life expectancy and in today's dollars would cost approximately \$300,000 to replace. Andy will bring updates to the Development Committee as this group moves through the fundraising process. Committee members asked Andy to put together a maintenance cost analysis for review.

There is nothing new to report concerning District influencers and no future agenda items were discussed.

**Robert Fuller moved and John Schuette seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Kerr