

Olentangy Facilities Committee Meeting
June 10, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Held Virtually via Microsoft Teams

In attendance for the Facilities Committee were:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Blythe, Chuck | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> McCaughey, Kevin |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryant, Angie | <input type="checkbox"/> Owens, Mark |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eisenhower, Frank | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rogers, Greg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fuller, Robert | <input type="checkbox"/> Scott, Mark |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hart, Bob | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smith, Wesley |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jurawitz, Sharon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Troxell, Joe |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lawrence, Dan | <input type="checkbox"/> Yanka, David |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lowry, Alyssa | |

Also in attendance were Mindy Patrick (BOE), Dr. Jack Fette (OLSD), Emily Hatfield (BOE), Melissa Griffith (OLSD), Jeff Gordon (OLSD) and Michelle Murphy (OLSD).

Sharon Jurawitz called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from the May 12, 2020 meeting.

Wes Smith moved and Dan Lawrence seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Dan Lawrence moved and Wes Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

STEM Program

Dr. Jack Fette started the meeting with an update relevant to the district's STEM Academy and STEM program. The STEM program has successfully completed its fifth year and has had its 2nd graduating class. STEM Principal, Karen Sedoti, regularly visits OLSD 8th grade classes to seek out students who may have an interest in participating in the district's STEM program. Applications for the program are distributed and processed annually, but admission to the STEM program is not criteria-based. Any student who applies, may be enrolled into the program. The program accepts 100 students (new Freshmen) each year and tries to maintain a balanced enrollment of both male and female students, as well as an appropriate proportion of students with disabilities, by using a random generator. Each year, upper classmen are given the opportunity to remain in STEM or return to their high school full time. When an upper classmen leaves, the spot opens and the school fills the spot from the waiting list. At this time, there is a waiting list for the STEM program, but we don't find it concerning; as it actually helps to maintain a full program as these transitions take place.

The STEM program encourages risk taking and innovation in its educational platforms. 3D printers and robot balls ("sferos") are among some of the popular equipment utilized and created in the STEM classes. There are no traditional class bells at the STEM Academy. Classes flow together from one into another on a project basis.

STEM classes are also available at each of the district's high schools. Per Dr. Jack Fette, students at the STEM Academy and at the high schools each get strong STEM content. The STEM Academy offers unique learning experiences, but almost all of the credits that the student earns there are able to be earned in the traditional high school as well. Dr. Fette believes that if the Academy Building (where the STEM program is housed) were twice as big, that the district could fill the space with interested students. However, Dr. Fette believes the current space to be sufficient for the program's needs and does not believe that the space needs to be increased at this time.

Dr. Fette reminded members in attendance that the Academy Building is meant to be an incubator space so the program does try out new ideas. However, the intent is for the workable ideas they discover to be eventually used in all the high schools. The building also is home to the ACT program. This program is separate and very different from the STEM program. However, the ACT program integrates well with the STEM program at the facility. ACT students have opened a small student store within the building, which services both students and staff.

Dr. Fette was happy to announce the start of new entrepreneurship programs being launched at each of the district's high schools with established business partners in the community. He believes that this program will be successful and welcomed by students looking for additional opportunities.

New Facilities Planning

Jeff Gordon shared with members in attendance that Robertson Construction has finally been given permission to commence with construction at the site near Peachblow Road for Elementary #16 (formerly advertised as New Elementary #1 for bid and project planning purposes). To gain access to the site, OLSD agreed to install temporary sanitary lines and water lines needed to supply the project development area.

Project delays resulting from the developer and COVID-19, will make it very difficult for the district to complete the project within the one-year timeline originally planned for the project. There is no margin for error or small setbacks during the construction of the project, if it is still to be complete for the 2021-2022 school year. Trucco is on site and trying to make up for lost time. If the weather remains cooperative, it is possible that Trucco will be able to gain back some of the project time that has been lost. If this time can be gained back at the start of the project, the project stands a much better chance of being completed closer to the original project timeline forecasted.

GMP #2 for the Elementary #16 project is being submitted to the Board of Education for approval on 6/25/2020. The project is currently trending 2 million dollars under budget as of GMP #2. The savings is thought to be the result of contractors wanting to work for OLSD because our project is well planned and vetted. Robertson is seeing pricing submitted by the vendors at 2009 pricing levels. While the savings is a positive situation for the district, it is likely that the additional utility infrastructure needed for the site will take away a considerable amount of the project savings seen to date.

Jeff Gordon shared a PowerPoint presentation with members in attendance relevant to bond project scheduling. A copy of the presentation is available upon request through the district's Business Office.

The design phase of New Elementary #2 and Middle School #6 is to commence soon in 2020. Construction for these projects is planned to begin in the summer of 2021. The buildings are planned to be complete and open in the fall of 2023.

Additional security vestibule improvements are planned for the district's middle schools and high schools. These projects are planned to be bid out in early 2021, with completion in the summer of 2021.

The district is in the process of designing updated playgrounds, which feature improved accessibility. Installation of the new playgrounds is planned for the summer of 2021.

The district is also in the process of updating its media centers. Updates in the elementary schools will reflect design changes incorporated in the district's New Elementary 16 facility. The design was created through a collaboration of elementary media specialists. A similar collaboration process will be conducted with middle school and high school media specialists. Media center updates are projected to be complete in the summer of 2021. In conjunction with the media center updates, collaboration spaces will also be incorporated into the district's facilities.

Recently, the broadcast journalism studio at OOHS was renovated and updated (in coordination with the district's technology department). The district hopes to replicate the broadcast journalism updates at LHS, OHS and BHS in the summer of 2021.

Parking and bus lane expansions are also planned by the district. Bids to expand the bus lane and stadium parking at Hyatts Middle School are planned for 2021. The bus parking expansion at the west transportation center is also planned for the summer of 2021.

Design and installation of a new chiller system at Scioto Ridge Elementary is also in the works. The district hopes to have the new chiller installed this winter so that it is operational in the spring of 2021.

In addition to Elementary #16 and Middle School #6, the bond projects outlined above will keep the district's Business and Facilities Office moving rapidly to plan, bid and complete the projects identified for the next two summers. Due to COVID19, the custodial staff has been able to get an early start on some of the summer cleaning projects that normally occur when school is not in session. This may help with the district's improvement project scheduling.

General Business

Michelle Murphy reminded members that there is not a monthly Facilities Committee meeting scheduled for July of 2020. The next scheduled meeting is for August 5, 2020 at the district's Administrative Offices.

A general discussion was held anticipating what the start of the 2020-2021 school year might look like. At this time, the district is preparing for its scheduled re-opening in early August of 2020. PPE has been ordered in preparation for the new school year. Should the Governor of Ohio announce changes, the district will review the information provided and make adjustments in accordance with the information provided by the State.

Influencers Update

No influencer's (other than COVID-19) were identified at the evening's meeting.

Sharon Jurawitz called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Wes Smith moved and Dan Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Facilities Committee meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The next tentatively scheduled meeting is for Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 6:00 pm. It is anticipated that the meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams (unless announced otherwise).

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Gordon