

SUBJECT: Board of Education Recap

Meeting Date November 12, 2020

STUDENT WELL-BEING UPDATE

Dr. Allisha Berendts and Dr. Katie Branson of Olentangy's Student Well-Being team presented the work and progress taking place around the following academic barriers:

- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Physical Health
- Safety and security
- Behavior Support

Focusing on the whole student, their work expands to supporting the family unit. On Wednesday, November 18, Dr. Berendts will lead a conversation about parenting through COVID-19.

The livestream will be broadcast from 7:00 to 8:30pm through the [Parenting During a Pandemic Link](#).

NEW FACILITIES UPDATE

Bill O'Sullivan of Construction Analysis, LLC and Bruce Runyon of Fanning Howey presented developments on Elementary School 16, and proposed plans for Middle School 6.

Below is the progress of Elementary School 16, which is on track to open for the 2021-2022 school year:



The architect's design for Middle School 6 takes the footprint of Berkshire and Hyatts Middle Schools, and implements curriculum and operational needs realized over the past 10 years in the current structures. With the objective to be the final middle school built in the district, the design adds 9,000 square feet in additional classrooms, performing arts areas, a larger gym and lunchroom, and added common areas.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Mindy Patrick wished everyone a Happy Veteran's Day, and addressed some concerns she has received. One question that was posed to the Board is if our students are getting the education they deserve. Mrs. Patrick discussed this by reaffirming that the Board of Education and district leadership make all decisions with consideration for the safety and well-being of the students and staff while still striving to facilitate maximum learning for all students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Chief of Administrative Services Randy Wright presented the Superintendent's Report on behalf of Mr. Raiff, and shared how Olentangy has continued annual Veteran's Day celebrations into 2020. He recognized the Military Family Liaisons in the school district, and highlighted those schools that have earned the Purple Star Award from the Ohio Department of Education, signifying that a school is a military-friendly school.

In the Committed Distance Learning program, students will receive a survey today, Friday, November 13, to select if they would like to transition back to their Olentangy School building for the second semester or remain in Committed Distance Learning. The CDL Declaration Surveys will close November 24. He asked that all CDL families complete this survey to provide feedback on the first semester.

TREASURER'S REPORT

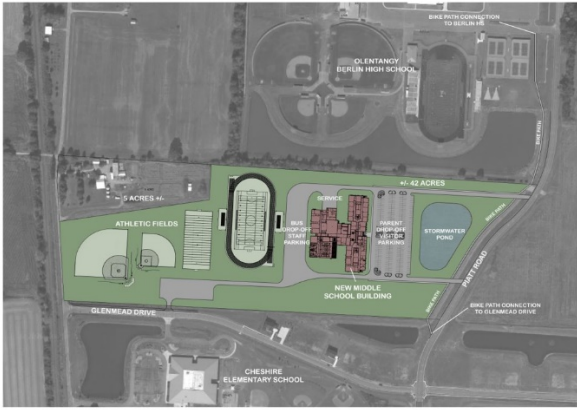
Treasurer Emily Hatfield revisited the Bond Refunding Series 2013, which will exceed our metrics with 12% savings. The sale closes on November 18.

Mrs. Hatfield did the second reading of the Five-Year Forecast, demonstrating the district's objectives of modeling fiscal responsibility and transparency. Olentangy is a locally funded district, with only 5% of income coming from state funding, and this forecast monitors the district's income stream and how long Levy income may be stretched.

House Bill 305 has a Senate companion bill to provide funding to school districts, with Olentangy Schools shown to gain \$42.5 million in additional funding. Mrs. Hatfield cautioned that this is a fully-funded plan, with change expected based on the economy and the State's ability to fund the plan.

LAND PURCHASE DISCUSSION

After reviewing the possible locations for Middle School 6, Director of Business Management and Facilities Jeff Gordon recommended the purchase of approximately 45 acres on Piatt Road. The middle school would be north of Cheshire Elementary, with connecting paths to Berlin High School.



NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL #6
OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEMATIC DESIGN
CONSULTING ARCHITECTS
PLANNERS & ENGINEERS
**FANNING
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