

Long Range Facilities Planning Meeting
May 6, 2019
Minutes

Present: William Hall, Aaron O'Toole, Mike Galleher, John DiPlacido, Gary Winschel, Nate Spiker, Rick Landsberry, Diane Chlebus

At a previous meeting, the Committee defined long range strategic options for the School Board's consideration. This Committee will present recommendations to the Operations Committee this month. Mr. Hall reviewed those options.

After discussion, it was decided that Option Two will be the recommendation, with modifications listed below. It will be presented by the Operations Committee at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on May 13, 2019.

Option 2 – No school closures

- Borrow \$40-\$60 million to prioritize and address District buildings.
- Apply for Act 1 Exceptions for 2020/2021 school year, to cover construction costs (Act 1 exceptions include: construction; retirement contributions; and special education)

General discussion followed regarding a possible future referendum, the 2020 / 2021 budget, and options regarding going above the index to cover these pending costs. It was noted that the Millcreek Learning Center property could be sold, and that AWNC may be interested; however the building would have to be razed and the possibility that asbestos abatement may be necessary.

Mike Gallaher distributed a draft priority list for building improvements for eight of the District's properties. The list does not include work at MHS or MIHS or Asbury schools. Electrical, mechanical, lighting and security are included in the estimated costs.

- Buildings inspections could be completed (infrared building analysis) and possibly a water analysis conducted. Pending receipt of these inspections, the priority list may need to be adjusted.
- It was noted that it would be cost effective to work with one architect / engineer once the scope of the improvement projects are defined.
- New LED lighting would be more energy efficient resulting in costs savings and less maintenance

A Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) may be an option. The BAN allows short term funding for identified preliminary bond funded expenditures by increasing the life of bond from three years to four years.

Mr. Hall will revise the Options outlined by the Strategic Planning Committee for the upcoming Operations Committee's review at the Committee of the Whole.

Next meeting: TBD.