

**The Olentangy Facilities Committee Meeting
January 5, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
Olentangy Administrative Offices- Berlin Room**

In attendance for the Facilities Committee were:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryant, Angie | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> McCaughey, Kevin |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eisenhower, Frank | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rogers, Greg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hart, Bob | <input type="checkbox"/> Scott, Mark |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jurawitz, Sharon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smith, Wesley |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> King, Dave | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Troxell, Joe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lowry, Alyssa | <input type="checkbox"/> Totzke Steven |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yanka, David |

Also in attendance were Eric Kunar (LHS Athletic Boosters), Darin Meeker (LHS Athletic Director), Mindy Patrick (BOE), Brandon Lester (BOE), Madison Ratliff (OLSD), Missy Griffith (OLSD), Jeff Gordon (OLSD) and Michelle Murphy (OLSD). Members Frank Eisenhower and Joe Troxell attended the meeting virtually via TEAMS.

Sharon Jurawitz called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the night's agenda and the minutes from the November 3, 2021 meeting.

David Yanka moved and Wes Smith seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

David Yanka moved and Wes Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Artificial Turf Proposal for LHS Softball Fields

Mr. Eric Kunar (President of the LHS Athletic Boosters) and Mr. Darin Meeker (LHS Athletic Director) attended the evening's meeting to present a plan to install artificial turf on the Varsity and Junior Varsity softball fields at Liberty High School. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available upon request through the district's Business Office. Currently, the baseball fields at Liberty High School have artificial turf and it has been working well for the athletic program. Revenues are regularly generated by LHS from organizations renting time on the baseball fields. The LHS baseball and softball teams have definitely benefitted from practice sessions and game time on the turf fields.

Because demand for time on the artificial turf baseball fields is so great, the LHS Athletic Boosters and the LHS Athletic Department would like to install an artificial turf surface on its softball fields (on the infields and the outfields). This will open up additional time slots on the schedule for the baseball fields at LHS for athletic use and more rental/revenue opportunities. The addition of artificial turf on the softball fields will allow the softball program specifically to increase its practice and game time on the turf fields, as well as, provide for additional revenue opportunities from rental of the softball fields to outside organizations.

Ohio Thunder is one of the organizations requesting time on the new turf at the softball fields. They would like to partner 50/50 on the total cost of the project to install artificial turf on the softball fields (quoted at \$274,300). Both the LHS Athletic Boosters and the Ohio Thunder have secured a lender for the proposed project and have drafted promissory notes (which holds OLSD harmless for any default). The parties have drafted a detailed plan that will allow them to pay back the loan in seven years at a low interest rate. The partnership agreement allows Ohio Thunder to be a primary year-round tenant of the OLHS JV softball field for ten calendar years after the construction of the fields is complete.

LHS would like the installation work to start in August of 2022. Installation is likely a three-month process. Levan's Excavating is the proposed contractor for the excavating, base work, and construction on the project. Levan's has worked on projects in the district before (OOHS ballfields) and their work has been great. Mr. Meeker and Mr. Kunar believe that the artificial turf surface on the softball fields at LHS will allow more softball to be played, field maintenance to be reduced, rental revenues to be collected, and for LHS to become a premier destination for softball games and tournaments.

The anticipated lifespan of the new turf is ten to twelve years. Both the LHS Athletic Boosters and the LHS athletics program are aware that they will need to make provisions for a replacement fund for new turf in the future. Rental revenues should be set aside for this purpose. Little league is anticipated to be the 2nd largest user of the new turf on the softball fields.

Per Darin Meeker, the LHS baseball fields are going into their 7th season and are holding up well with the high volume use. The same equipment used to maintain the turf on the football fields can be used to maintain the turf on the new softball fields. Mr. Meeker was uncertain if the vendor was providing any additional equipment to maintain the fields in the contract. He shared that he would look into this prior to presenting the project plan to the Board of Education.

Sharon Jurawitz called for a motion to allow the LHS Athletic Boosters and LHS Athletic Department to present their plan to the Board of Education to install artificial turf on the softball fields at Liberty High School.

Angie Bryant moved and Frank Eisenhower seconded the motion. All in attendance were in support of the motion and none were opposed. Motion carried.

The Business Office will ask the Superintendent's Office for presentation time on the 1/27/2022 BOE agenda for this project. An updated copy of the presentation should be provided to the Business Office as soon as possible to secure the presentation date/time requested.

New Facility Planning

Mr. Gordon shared that progress on the district's Middle School #6 project is going well. The concrete slab has been poured throughout the entire first floor of the building. Supply chain issues remain minimal to date, but some design and material adjustments are occasionally being made to the building along the way to maintain efficiencies in the process. So far, budget for the project is remaining close to projections. Robertson Construction, Construction Analysis, and Fanning Howey continue to be great partners to work with on the project.

Influencers Update

Members expressed concern that district projects might be impacted by COVID related staffing shortages. Jeff Gordon shared that to date this has had minimal impact on district projects, but confirmed that it is a probability moving forward. Adjustments will be made as best as possible should staffing shortages become more prevalent.

Sharon Jurawitz discussed that she had reviewed the most recent district enrollment report. She was happy to share that the Facilities Committee's projections were only off by 31 students to date. Members were pleased with the overall accuracy of the reporting and were eager to review the numbers for the end of the school year.

General Business

Former Board of Education representative Dave King attended the meeting. He confirmed that he would like to continue on as a regular member of the district's Facilities Committee at this time. The Business Office will have him added to the 2022 Facilities Committee membership list, which will be approved at the 1/11/2022 Board of Education meeting.

Members in attendance requested that district building tours be added to the Facilities Committee meeting schedule for 2022. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the next building tour will take place at Alum Creek Elementary School during the next Facilities Committee meeting scheduled for 2/2/2022. The Business Office will send out a reminder announcement prior to the meeting with directions and instructions as to where to meet.

Sharon Jurawitz called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

David Yanka moved and Greg Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Facilities Committee meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

The next tentatively scheduled meeting is for Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The meeting is tentatively planned to be held at Alum Creek Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Gordon