

Minutes of the Facilities/Enrollment/Transportation Committee of the Board of Education
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Monday, December 8, 2014

Start: 6:30 pm End: 7:30 pm

In attendance were: Mike Devine, George Bauer, John Chapman; also, Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Maryanne Van Aken, Charles Cosgriff, Wayne McAllister, Mike Molzon, reporter Mike Preato, and BoE clerk Deb Carlton

In Janet Morgan's absence, Mr. Devine called the meeting to order and invited Mr. Molzon to give a facilities update. Mr. Molzon provided a district wide priority list of facilities needs for the 2015-16 budget. It included roofing at WMS, asbestos abatement at MES, renovations to the LMC at MES and nurse's office at WMS, the need for shades and blinds throughout the district, repairs/improvements to the front hall at BES to relieve water leakage, painting district wide, a second well at BES, sidewalk paving and railing replacement at MES, as well as painting public areas and hallways and shade and blinds at that school. Funds had been added to the asbestos removal number for MES in order to grab the gym lobby – a high traffic area.

Mr. Chapman asked about bundling jobs for economy of scale, instead of piecemeal RFPs. Mr. Molzon said this would be done whenever possible.

Dr. Cutaia-Leonard noted this total figure, approximately \$400,000, is significantly larger than last year and wanted the committee to be prepared to speak to it at budget time. Projects at MES had been moved up as it was recognized that school is still in dire need. Mr. Devine asked if the number would decrease next year if this work could be accomplished, and Mr. Molzon said after this, mainly just painting is needed in classrooms. Mr. Chapman suggested a recurring painting number in the budget.

For enrollment, Mr. McAllister showed changes in total enrollment and by school, showing a net no change. The Prowda enrollment projections were studied and discussed at length, and will be brought to the full board on Monday. It was recognized that other magnet school models will need to be investigated in light of continuing declining enrollment, as well as agriscience offerings at the middle school level. Mr. Devine was interested in the foreign exchange student concept, too. The principals have these projections for budgeting purposes.

The only transportation issues discussed were absent bus drivers with pneumonia; a bus stop issue has been resolved; and a disruption of service occurred on Friday when a parent boarded a bus unauthorized. This was handled by the police. It was noted that camera and audio on the buses was helpful.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Devine

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