

Minutes of the Facilities/Enrollment/Transportation Committee of the Board of Education
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Monday, November 10, 2014

Start: 6:00 pm End: 7:05 pm

In attendance were: Janet Morgan, George Bauer, Mike Devine; also, Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Maryanne Van Aken, Carol Ann Brown, Wayne McAllister, Mike Molzon, reporter Mike Preato, and BoE clerk Deb Carlton

Ms. Morgan invited Mr. Molzon to discuss his Five Year Capital Improvement planning for the district's four schools. Mr. Molzon provided a detailed packet showing, for each school, capital improvement items; each one's level of priority (1-4); coding for whether the improvement was related to health, safety, maintenance or energy savings, or a combination; estimated cost; and indicating in which budget year he would hope to do the work. He named one district item, a tractor, and also provided information about improvements being done through the non-recurring capital account. He noted that many items get pushed off when other, unanticipated or unforeseeable things come up. He took specific questions about each school's list.

Ms. Van Aken asked if a PA is still needed at BES now that classrooms have phones, and was told this is needed for areas without phone access. Mr. Devine asked whether expanding the phone system makes more sense.

Dr. Cutaia-Leonard would like the committee to consider a renovation of the MES library, since asbestos abatement will require ripping out the floors anyway. She noted we have a 21st century lab with a 1960's library and the library needs to catch up. She asked Mr. Molzon to provide a conceptual design for the next meeting.

Mr. Molzon was asked to prioritize the 3 remodeling proposals at WMS. He ranked them: nurse's office first, guidance suite second, and "home ec" room third.

At NHS, Mr. Bauer wondered if some of the agriscience projects could be addressed through grants.

Noting that many NHS items were asterisked to indicate they would be part of the renovate to new building project, Ms. Morgan estimated \$62,000 would be needed for next year to completed needed work.

Dr. Cutaia-Leonard asked whether the towns have seen this 5 year plan, and was told they have not yet. She said the leadership team would review it on Wednesday.

Ms. Morgan commented that she hates to see these projects always pushed off because they become more costly when they finally get done. Dr. Cutaia-Leonard asked whether Mr. Molzon has a preventative maintenance schedule that he follows, and was told he does. Ms. Morgan would like to see a consistent plan over 5 years.

Mr. McAllister provided an enrollment history from 2010 to present, and indicated he has contacted Peter Prowda for updated projections.

Mr. McAllister also provided a written update from the bus company. While bus #16's driver is on a leave of absence, we have requested regular sub for that route to minimize confusion. Ms. Morgan asked for an explanation of why a bus stops at San Remo's, and was told the student apparently lives in an apartment over the diner in back.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Morgan
Janet Morgan, Chair