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Capital Improvement Plan Review Committee

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May 19, 2022

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Meadowlark School 5-6 Learning Community | 2300 Meadow Sweet Lane, Erie

Members Present: Brandon Dooling, Caleb Starbuck, Celeste Landry, Dawn Dimedio, Dave Callan, Gordon Byrn, Huili Feng, Jeff Clay, Jim Topping, John Adams, Mary Butler, Michael Bautista, Mike McLaughlin, Stephanie Schroeder, Tangi Lancaster, José Colima (additional ELPASO representative), Terri Wilson, Wendy Fiedler

Members Absent: Dominic DiManna, Kelly Reeser, Kurtis Smith, Maggie Wilensky, Melinda Karshner, Scott Cawlfeld

Staff Present: Rob Price, Susan Cousins, Gene Temanson, Charles Zachemsky, Tom Blahak, Arlie Huffman, Glen Segrue, Kiffany Lychock, Sam Messier

Committee Governance

Rob Price reminded the committee of the upcoming report to the Board of Education on May 24, 2022. The committee approved minutes from the [May 12 meeting](#).

Information/Discussion

Rob Price introduced the discussion of the Critical Needs list. Price reminded the group of its charge: The purpose of the CIPRC is to review and provide feedback on the 2022 BVSD Facilities Critical Needs List. The committee will offer suggestions and advice to the Board in order to assist it in the decision-making process related to capital improvement planning.

Price led the group in a discussion of the [Summary of Critical Needs](#) and asked the group to consider whether they could support the inclusion of the identified items on the list. The committee had mixed opinions about the size of the needs package and required funding, with some members suggesting a larger package and one member advocating for a smaller package. One member encouraged the district to explore and consider the needs and experiences of faculty and students in the buildings, in addition to the list of critical infrastructure needs generated by Gordian. Another committee member asked for clarification regarding assumptions about a potential assessed value increase and resulting increase in debt limit.

The committee discussed the identified CTE needs and asked about what CTE improvements would look like at different locations, including Boulder TEC. Staff commented that, in terms of equity, Arapahoe Campus is well-located to be accessible from all parts of the district. Overall, the group supported the need for expanding CTE options.

The committee offered a number of comments for consideration by staff and the Board:

- One member mentioned that with the creation of gender-neutral restrooms in buildings by converting existing single-occupant restrooms, there is a need to assure that there are still sufficient restrooms available for use by adults; Other committee members agreed this should be evaluated at all schools;
- One member commented that the Operations and Technology Fund should be renamed Maintenance and Technology Fund and used to address items on the critical needs list identified in the facilities assessment;
- One member suggested reconsidering the best use of the New Vista site, including providing additional CTE opportunities there. Others noted that such changes might not align with the existing program at New Vista;
- Several committee members suggested evaluating the Arapahoe Campus to expand the space available for CTE programming and asked if more funding is needed to meet the demand;
- Some members suggested waiting until the long range advisory group has done its work and the educational adequacy assessment has been completed to get the full picture of facility utilization and programmatic needs, particularly related to CTE and furniture;
 - Members cautioned the district to consider the impact of declining enrollment related to investing in improving buildings that may close.
- Committee members from the mountains and Broomfield asked the District to continue to be mindful of geographic equity, considering the distance to travel to Boulder TEC, and supported integrated CTE improvements in all middle and high schools;
- The majority of the committee supported buying furniture as a way to improve the feel and function of learning environments within existing spaces;
 - One member disagreed with using 30-year bond money to buy furniture that lasts 10-15 years;
- The majority of the committee supported expanding the allocation to make ADA playground improvements at all elementary and K-8 schools with the need.

Price explained that staff is considering that the first phase of work would include new school construction and renovation projects at secondary schools in order to put CTE improvements in place sooner to address urgent needs. Starting with this work also would allow the long range advisory committee to conduct its work and then give staff the opportunity to re-evaluate renovation work at schools in light of the advice of the committee regarding declining enrollment.

Committee chairs Jeff Clay and Mike Mclaughlin will join staff to present an update to the Board of Education on May 24. On June 14, Dr. Anderson will present a recommendation to the Board for how to fund the work on the critical needs list.