

**The Olentangy Facilities Committee Meeting
September 21, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
Olentangy Administrative Offices- Liberty Room**

In attendance for the Facilities Committee were:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryant, Angie | <input type="checkbox"/> McCaughey, Kevin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eisenhower, Frank | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rogers, Greg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hart, Bob | <input checked="" 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 Brandon Lester (BOE Representative), Jack Fette (OLSD Chief Academic Officer), Melissa Griffith (OLSD Interim Treasurer), Jeff Gordon (OLSD Director of Business Management and Facilities) and Michelle Murphy (OLSD).

Sharon Jurawitz called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the night's agenda and the minutes from the June 1, 2022 meeting.

David Yanka moved and Dave King seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

David Yanka moved and Greg Rogers seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

New Facility Planning

Jeff Gordon shared that construction for the district's Middle School #6 project continues to go well and remains on schedule. Robertson Construction is still trying to get the moisture levels down in the building so that the installation of flooring and other finish materials can commence. Overall, Robertson has done a fantastic job of pivoting with the construction schedule and material orders to keep the project on schedule during very challenging times.

A final site has not yet been determined for the district's Elementary #17 project. The first Evans Farm site proposed to the district will not work out. A second site donated by Evans Farm is being reviewed at this time. Other district owned land is under evaluation as well. The Redistricting Committee is still a few weeks out from making its official recommendations. A final site for Elementary #17 will likely not be announced until the Redistricting Committee completes their recommendation/reporting process.

To keep the Elementary #17 project on track, Robertson Construction has already bid out the initial construction services package for the proposed elementary. Bid pricing for the project came out as projected (at about \$300.00 per square foot). Robertson received positive vendor interest/bid submissions for the Elementary #17 project. This is fantastic for the district in such a turbulent

construction market. Local contractors appear to like working on district projects. Vendors have expressed that the district is fair to work with and has clean construction projects with few changes. This reputation ultimately benefits the district with lower project costs and more vendor selection.

District Enrollment Projections

Sharon Jurawitz and Angie Bryant worked on calculating this year's enrollment projections for the district. Sharon Jurawitz addressed members in attendance with this year's findings in a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation is available upon request through the district's Business Office.

Using enrollment data from the district's 9/7/22 enrollment report (the same date used for data annually), Sharon shared the following with members:

- The projections for Pre-K through 12th grades is off by only 1.28% overall.
- The projections are off only by 2.29% from the 2017 model's report.
- Pre-K and K are off by the largest margins (in the 7 to 8% range).
- The enrollment projections subcommittee would like to use a percentage of 30% of the K enrollment moving forward to create future K projections.
- The birth rate is no longer used in the enrollment projection calculations. With the large number of families moving into and out of the district, it did not reliably factor in.
- In ten years, the report predicts that the district will have 28,000 students.
- Delaware County's population growth is trending at 24%. The district's student population growth is projected to trend at 22%.
- There were over 1,000 single-family housing permits issued last year.
- The committee's enrollment projections reporting formula uses a calculation of 700 single-family housing permits as an annual average.
- Opening Elementary #17 in 2024 would be ahead of the predicted classroom shortage on this year's report.
- This year's report predicts that Elementary #18 is needed in 2028.
- This year's report predicts that Elementary #19 is needed in 2031.

Jack Fette, the district's Chief Academic Officer, was in attendance at the meeting and discussed the following:

- Currently, CES, HES, WRES, and LTES have very large enrollments.
- Elementary enrollment in the district is as tight as Mr. Fette has ever seen it.
- Enrollments on the west side of the district are growing.
- There is a need for redistricting. Final reporting should be available by January of 2023.
- Middle school and high school "feeder" boundaries will present a challenge with the elementary portion of the redistricting changes.
- It is important to remember that the enrollment projections presented by the Facilities Committee use a "classroom availability" model, which assumes a more even distribution of students throughout the district than there is in reality. It is important to redistrict and to build new facilities based upon where the students actually live.
- If the enrollment projections numbers hold, the district would need an additional three new school buildings in the ten-year forecast.

Jeff Gordon, the district's Director of Business Management and Facilities, added the following to the discussion relevant to the district's enrollment forecasting:

- The creation of new single-family homes within the district follows the new utility infrastructure (water, sanitary sewer and gas lines) within the district.
- Recently, new utility infrastructure has crossed the river from the east side of the district to the west side of the district. As a result, new home growth has risen on the west side of the district over the last ten years.
- The district owns land at Bean Oller Road on the west side of the district. Mr. Gordon believes that utility infrastructure is likely to be in this area in about three years.
- The district also owns land on Bunty Station Road on the west side of the district. The location of this land also aligns well with the predicted growth on the northwest side of the district.
- On the east side of the district, the district still owns land at Curve/Sweeney Roads. This land is positioned well for projected growth within the district on the east side.
- Members were in agreement with Mr. Gordon's assessment, but encouraged the district to always be on the lookout for additional land opportunities that might benefit future growth within the district.

A general discussion regarding district enrollment addressed the following:

- The district has built the equivalent of at least five new buildings in the past ten-years. (BHS, SMES, Berlin MS, elementary classroom additions, and OAO relocation to allow for a central preschool location).
- Members shared that it is difficult to determine at this time if Middle School #7 will be needed by 2029-2030.
- Per Jack Fette, the projection numbers show a population of 6,000 middle school students in the ten-year forecast. This averages at 1,000 students per building, which could be accommodated within the district's six middle school buildings. The committee and the district will need to continue to monitor the enrollment numbers.
- Melissa Griffith reminded members that Elementary #18 was not a part of the previous levy. Should there be a need for Elementary #18, it would need to be a part of a new levy package.
- Brandon Lester shared an idea to potentially open a building for a remote/distance learning program (CDL) for the district, which in turn might reduce the enrollment load on the district's existing facilities.
- Members in attendance were supportive of some sort of a distance-learning program within the district, as there appears to be a demand for it (just as there is in the work force post-COVID).
- Jack Fette is open to some version of a CDL program, but advises that it may not be a permanent way to effectively or consistently reduce the enrollment numbers at existing OLSD sites. For instance, if a student signs up for CDL, then backs out of the program, he or she will end up back in one of the district's traditional school buildings and added back into their enrollment numbers. He also noted that there is no guarantee of an equal distribution of students across the district enrolling in the CDL program.
- Mr. Fette advised that the CDL program must be in a building that can be given an IRN number and recognized as an educational facility.

- Melissa Griffith asked if a CDL program could cohabitate with the district's need for additional technology and custodial space. Mr. Gordon shared that the tech facility would have to be designed differently to accommodate students, which would increase the cost of the facility significantly. Additionally he noted that that there would likely be some code logistics that could be challenging to make this concept happen.
- Brandon Lester asked if a CDL building could house elementary, middle school and high school programs all under the same roof. Jack Fette advised that 3rd grade through 12th grade would likely be the best fit (if the district focused on this option). Mr. Lester added that the BOE would likely need to survey the community to see if there was an interest in this concept.
- Members shared that the CDL program appears to work best for the district's middle school and high school student populations and would likely only reduce enrollment numbers for these grade levels in OLSD's existing buildings.
- Sharon Jurawitz reminded members that an additional high school still can't be ruled out in the district's long-term projections. In the ten-year forecast, the high school enrollments will be over 2100 students per building. This is tight.
- Members requested that threshold calculations for elementary classroom room reporting be adjusted from 16 to 32 classrooms (see the bottom of PowerPoint page #16).
- Members discussed that until the district becomes more "land-locked", district growth is inevitable. Data suggests that buildable land remains at about 30% within the district.
- Members were in agreement that the five-year enrollment projection reporting tends to be consistently accurate. The ten-year forecast has also been reliable and a "good focus point", but has been more subject to changes in the economy and housing markets. A 70-year forecast was also shared (see the PowerPoint slide using data from Cooperative Strategies). Brandon Lester believed it to have value. BOE members needed to see and discuss the 70- year data. Cooperative Strategies should present this information to the Board of Education, since the 70- year slide information was created from their data.

Sharon Jurawitz called for a motion to present the enrollment projections reporting with modifications discussed during the meeting to the Board of Education at the 10/6/2022 Board of Education meeting.

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

General Business

The Facilities Committee meeting previously scheduled for 10/5/2022, is cancelled. It will likely be rescheduled for late October. There are two district groups that would like to present turf projects to the Facilities Committee. An announcement will be sent out in October, as more information is received from the groups. If they are not ready to present in October, they will be placed on the schedule to present at the 11/2/2022 Facilities Committee meeting.

Ryan Jenkins was named the new Treasurer for the district. He begins his duties in October.

Influencer's

Brandon Lester thanked Melissa Griffith for performing the duties of Interim Treasurer for the district until Mr. Jenkins starts his duties next month.

Sharon Jurawitz called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Greg Rogers moved and Mark Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Facilities Committee meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

The next monthly meeting is not scheduled. The Business Office is awaiting information from two district groups that may want to present artificial turf projects to the district in October. They will not be ready to present by the 10/5/2022 meeting that was previously scheduled. An announcement will be sent out, if the groups are able to present in October.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Gordon