

AGENDA



Addison Central School District

Facilities Committee

Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

208 Charles Avenue, Middlebury, VT & Virtual Connection

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- A. Call to Order Upon Reaching a Quorum
- B. Introductions: Board Members, Administrators and Staff
- C. Approve the Agenda
- D. Public Comments
- E. Recommendation to Approve Minutes of October 19, 2021
- F. Committee Discussion:
 - 1. Sustainability
 - 2. Intradistrict Transfer/School Choice
- G. Next Meeting Date/Time: November 17, 2021, 12:00 Noon
- H. Adjournment

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Addison Central School District

Facilities Committee

Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

ACSD CO, 49 Charles Avenue, Middlebury, VT & Virtual Connection

In-Person Attendance

James Malcolm; Jennifer Nuceder; Mary Cullinane; Victoria Jette

Remote Attendance

Mary Heather Noble

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A. Call to Order Upon Reaching a Quorum

Meeting called to order at 12:06 PM.

B. Introductions: Board Members, Administrators and Staff

Administrators: Peter Burrows, Superintendent of Schools; Logan Price, Business Manager

Staff: Bruce MacIntire, Director of Facilities

C. Approve the Agenda

Approved

Move: Mary Cullinane Second: James Malcolm Status: Passed

D. Public Comments

None

E. Recommendation to Approve Minutes of October 6, 2021

Approved

Move: James Malcolm Second: Mary Cullinane Status: Passed

F. Committee Discussion:

1. Sustainability

Victoria Jette opened the discussion with the “sustainability” question -- and whether the committee feels it should define the term for Board approval in the Facilities Master Plan document. Her recollection is that sustainability came up as a guiding principle for David Epstein’s Elementary School Study, but that it was not clearly defined. What do we mean when we say our facilities planning should demonstrate a commitment to sustainability?

Mary Cullinane added that the commitment toward sustainability should strike a balance with the cost of achieving that goal. Mary Heather Noble clarified that the concept of “sustainability” in this discussion is primarily referring to environmentally sustainable, as opposed to economically sustainable (recognizing the balance Mary C. mentioned).

Bruce MacIntire noted his experience in sustainable building design -- and that in this field, the term means design & construction in a manner that is not harmful to the environment and strives toward long term ecological balance. This concept is supported by “sustainable strategies,” such as: alternative/renewable energy (solar, wind, geothermal), efficient lighting systems (e.g., MUHS is 100% LED now), and upgrading to cleaner, more efficient heating systems.

Peter Burrows said that other states provide a lot more oversight regarding construction and building standards, and that Vermont’s has historically been directed at the local level. As a result, Vermont has many statewide inconsistencies with respect to the standards for school facilities. Act 72 will provide funding for school districts to upgrade to renewable & energy efficient heating systems, so the state is developing standards as part of that legislation (by January 2023). This will answer what is allowable under state funds, and specify standards for state-funded improvement projects.

Bruce MacIntire reviewed ACSD’s current options for sustainability-focused projects in our current facilities: install more solar arrays, replace outdated heating systems with energy-efficient systems, upgrade lighting systems to LED, install heat pumps in buildings. The committee agreed that the Board should state the goal toward sustainable facilities, but that the administration & facilities department can determine how to get there.

Jen Nuceder mentioned that since the Board has not yet determined the long-term facilities configuration, the District’s investment in sustainability projects should probably be focused on elements with a quick return on investment, and/or focused on areas that we know will be part of the long-term instructional footprint. Mary Cullinane also suggested that the sustainability goal should be written to align with our IB values: our commitment to sustainability is part of our global citizenship and stewardship.

James Malcom expressed the need to define what we actually mean by sustainability. To do: Victoria Jette will work with Bruce MacIntire, Mary Cullinane, and Mary Heather Noble to put some language around the “sustainability” concept. She will forward to the rest of the Committee for review prior to the next Board meeting.

2. FMP Communication

Peter Burrows and Victoria Jette informed the group about the preliminary work that freelance writing consultant Ben Merrill had done to begin constructing an outline for the Facilities Master Plan. He will also be putting language to flesh out the community update memo (what we know, what we don’t know, what we can do from here -- see minutes from last committee meeting).

Mary Cullinane emphasized that the Strategic Plan for Equity should be the Board’s guiding

document, and that the Facilities Master Plan should be a supporting document to direct the District toward an instructional footprint that is consistent with the broader goals distilled in the strategic planning process.

Peter Burrows mentioned that the initial conception behind the Facilities Master Plan was to develop a facilities plan grounded in the data accumulated during the process. James Malcolm noted the misconception in the community that the FMP will be a prescriptive document that identifies which schools will remain in the recommended school configuration. Jennifer Nuceder clarified that the Board has never voted to close any schools and that rumor and media have contributed to this misconception. Mary Heather Noble suggested that the committee consider how the function of the FMP has been expressed to the community in the past, and be mindful of the fact that the last information the community had heard about the FMP was that the Board was considering a 3-school and 4-school model, with specific schools in mind -- that is the echo in the room, and that's where the committee needs to resume its communication. The status of the FMP needs to be explained well, and possibly with multiple methods.

James Malcolm brought up the financial factors that drove the FMP process; Jennifer Nuceder noted the equity issues -- which still remain even if there is currently a reprieve from the state-threshold financial cliff.

Next steps: Victoria Jette will gather Peter Burrows, Mary Heather Noble, and Ben Merrill to begin working on an outline to share with the Board and start the process of wrapping up the FMP and updating the community.

G. Next Meeting Date/Time: November 3, 2021, 12:00 Noon

H. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Heather Noble, Recorder