

More Answers to Questions asked
by the Community since the
August 30 & September 19, 2023
presentations to the
Bowling Green City Schools
Board of Education

October 4, 2023

How will maintenance of a new building be funded?

Any new construction that is part of an OFCC project is required by OFCC to earmark one-half mill (0.5 mill) for upkeep and maintenance of the building. These funds are collected and are placed in a special fund that can only be used for upkeep and ongoing maintenance of the new building.

As a voter, how do I know the school district will properly maintain a new high school from day one?

While only being on the job a full two months, I personally, cannot speak to how the district's facilities have been maintained over the last several years or decades. I can say I have heard concerns from community members in my many conversations. Additionally, I can tell you I recognize the fact that there are areas the district can do better when it comes to our facility maintenance.

As a voter, how do I know the school district will properly maintain a new high school from day one? Cont.

I can speak to my philosophy and beliefs on upkeep and maintenance of our facilities. My philosophy is we fix and maintain our facilities, buildings, and grounds to a high level, always. I believe there are no shortcuts or "bandaids." Our facilities are an investment and asset of our district, community, and stakeholders. My job is to protect and maintain the investments and assets.

As a voter, how do I know the school district will properly maintain a new high school from day one? Cont.

To show this philosophy and belief in my short time at BGCS:

- The district had an issue with an AC unit and it could have been “held over” or fixed properly—the decision was easy and a question I was never asked before—we fixed it properly with the intent to not have to address it again.

As a voter, how do I know the school district will properly maintain a new high school from day one? Cont.

To show this philosophy and belief in my short time at BGCS:

- I heard of a cockroach problem at the high school. I didn't believe it to be true so I began asking questions and learned it was an issue. I then asked what was being done to address the problem and was told the building was treated once a month by a professional company. I responded "This is unacceptable. If once a month isn't fixing the problem it sounds like this should be done twice a month." The building is now being treated twice a month. We will assess this to see if more adjustments are needed—the problem will be fully addressed.

As a voter, how do I know the school district will properly maintain a new high school from day one? Cont.

To show this philosophy and belief in my short time at BGCS:

- The first week of school we had a problem with the ceiling in the gymnasium of one of the elementary schools. Again, we could have fixed it half way or fix it right the first time—we fixed it right the first time and in a timely manner.

As a voter, how do I know the school district will properly maintain a new high school from day one? Cont.

To show this philosophy and belief in my short time at BGCS:

- The curb appeal of our facilities are extremely important. While we are not there yet, we are starting to improve this important look as it is a reflection of our district and community. You can see an example of this on your way out tonight as the signs were repaired and/or replaced this past August.

As a voter, how do I know the school district will properly maintain a new high school from day one? Cont.

These are just a few examples of my philosophy in action. I again go back to my promise that "I do what I say and say what I mean." This is the same philosophy and belief I carried out in my previous district successfully for eight (8) years. While I cannot speak to the past, I can speak to the future.

You have my word.

When constructing a building, there are things that happen that cost more money. I do not see an "overrun" budgeted. How will this be handled?

There is a contingency, or "overrun," figured into the plan. This contingency was noted in the DLR Group's presentation that took place on August 30. A 5% contingency is part of the construction cost and would be used should the construction phase run into overages. If the construction goes well and this contingency is not needed these dollars can be used for other facility upgrades or it can be used to pay down debt.

Program of Requirements

HS Program and Cost



\$1,238,492

Demo/Abatement of existing High School Core Academic

\$4,981,118

Conversion of remaining existing HS into BGCS Activity Center (approx. 54,000 SF)

\$824,739

New BGCS Activity Center Entrance (approx. 2,000 SF)

\$62,319,332

New High School Development

\$3,436,320

5% Contingency

\$72,800,000

TOTAL

Why are we saving a portion of the existing HS?

The cost to renovate the 54,000 SF of the new Activity Center would only afford the District about 14,000 SF at the new high school.

In Closing

As before, any questions may be directed to the Superintendent's office or a member of the Board of Education.

This Q&A presentation has been uploaded and is available on the district's website.

At the conclusion of this meeting, the High School building tour will begin.