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Facility Committee Meeting
September 8, 2021

Vice-Chairman Hogan called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Attending were members of the administration, Dr. Ross and Mr. Bedenbaugh, and Board Members Mr. Matt Hogan, Ms. Rebecca Blackburn Hines, and Ms. Nikki Gardner. Mr. Loveless arrived during the discussion with the administration.

Mr. Hogan recited the FOIA Notice Verification.

Ms. Hines made a motion to postpone the approval of the August 11, 2021 Minutes until the arrival of Mr. Loveless. Ms. Gardner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Ross led the discussion to outline prioritizing facility needs, project categories (maintenance, capital improvements & major construction) and financial strategy. Mr. Bedenbaugh, Mr. Loveless, Mr. Hogan, Ms. Hines, and Ms. Gardner participated in the discussion.

Dr. Ross recommends that we prioritize educational equity, safety and security needs.

Dr. Ross recommends that the district prioritize the following:

1. Addressing the East Wing of Irmo High School (major construction)
2. Addressing needs at HWES & NRES (capital improvements)
3. Addressing stadium needs at Chapin HS (capital improvements)
4. Addressing track at DFHS (capital improvements)

Dr. Ross discussed the financial strategy for addressing these needs, which could include 8% money, potential energy saving/Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracting, and/or a bond referendum. Dr. Ross recommends that the focus remain on 8% money and energy savings. Dr. Ross does not recommend that we increase millage. Dr. Ross believes that energy savings can be rolled back into the brick & mortars for HVAC, lighting, ceiling tiles etc. Dr. Ross does not recommend a bond referendum until every building is full.

Mr. Loveless provided a handout discussing 8% money and suggested board members provide outreach to the business community for feedback regarding millage stabilization.

Mr. Loveless identified that the Irmo Cluster has 5 elementary schools and questioned whether the district should consider consolidation. Dr. Ross said that consolidation is not in discussions at this time.

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Ms. Gardner questioned when redistricting would be discussed by the Board. Dr. Ross stated that he did not believe that redistricting should be discussed until he was given the opportunity to implement strategies that may be used to eliminate the need for redistricting.

Dr. Ross recommended that the next Facilities Committee Agenda include:

1. Looking at priorities to clear 3.6 million balances from the 19-20 and 20-21 capital budget, which will be brought to the board for approval.
2. Discussion with more details of capital improvements and major construction, to include phasing and timelines.

Mr. Loveless made a motion to approve the August 11, 2021 facility minutes. Mr. Hogan seconded. Motion was passed 2-0, with Ms. Hines and Ms. Huddle abstaining.

Mr. Hogan made a motion to adjourn at 5:24. Ms. Hines seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is planned for October 13, 2021 at 4:30 PM.