



MINUTES
Facilities Committee Meeting
District Office Board Room
February 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Committee Chair Ken Loveless. Attending representing the Board, in addition to Chair Loveless, were Trustees Nikki Gardner and Catherine Huddle. Attending for the Administration were Superintendent Dr. Akil Ross, Todd Bedenbaugh, Marty Rawls, and Clay Cannon.

Trustee Huddle made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Trustee Gardner. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Huddle made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022 Facilities Committee Meeting. Trustee Gardner seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

Dr. Ross referenced the 2019 MB Kahn study and that the District Office is the only remaining unaddressed building that was rated Poor in the study. He talked about the \$82.6m in improvements the board has approved from the replaced wing at IHS to stadium renovations at CHS and how they have been done while reducing the debt service millage.

The administration has an appraisal on the current DO land which he will present at the next board meeting. They hope to have the results on an architectural and engineering study soon as well.

Dr. Ross put forth a number of additional facilities plans which the administration believes is needed to address the DO mold situation, remaining issues at other schools and to create middle school space for Irmo and Dutch Fork 6th graders. This plan would require a bond referendum but the millage rate would not need to increase (the additional debt would come on as old debt is paid off).

We discussed the need to develop our guiding principles (such as safety, equity, educational program support, etc) before presenting to the full board and Dr. Ross agreed. There was also extensive discussion of the last bond referendum and the need to analyze what happened, such as the elementary school not getting built while other projects were added, and ensure processes are adjusted and we can regain the public's trust. Dr. Ross stated that he thought the new policy requiring board approval for any change order over \$50,000 would ensure there would be a public discussion and vote of any proposed major changes. Mr. Loveless recommended that the individual projects should not have built-in contingencies but instead there should be one bucket for contingencies for the entire group of projects to make it easier to control.

Some of the individual projects and timing were discussed to gain clarity. Ms. Rawls stated that she was working with our Financial Advisors on the plan and they would present during the financial workshop portion of our next meeting.

Trustee Huddle made a motion to adjourn seconded by Trustee Gardner. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.