

**The Olentangy Facilities Committee Meeting
September 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.
Olentangy Administrative Offices- Berlin Room**

In attendance for the Facilities Committee were:

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| ☒ Bryant, Angie | ☐ McCaughey, Kevin |
| ☐ Eisenhower, Frank | ☒ Rogers, Greg |
| ☒ Eisinger, Brian | ☒ Scott, Mark |
| ☒ Jurawitz, Sharon | ☐ Smith, Wesley |
| ☒ King, Dave | ☒ Troxell, Joe |

Also in attendance were Dr. Kevin Daberkow (BOE Representative), Ryan Jenkins (OLSD Treasurer), Dr. Jack Fette (Deputy Superintendent), Jeff Gordon (OLSD Chief Operations Officer) and Michelle Murphy (OLSD). On behalf of the OHS Softball program Liz Yanez, Tiffany Tracy, Megan Dissett and Jonny Henesy were in attendance at the meeting as well for presentation purposes.

Sharon Jurawitz called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the night's agenda and the minutes from the June 12, 2024 meeting.

Angie Bryant moved and Frank Eisenhower seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Angie Bryant moved and Frank Eisenhower seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Turf Project Presentation (OHS Girls' Varsity Softball Program)-

Liz Yanez, the OHS Softball Head Varsity Coach, shared a PowerPoint presentation with members in attendance for a proposed project to install artificial turf on the infield and bullpen areas of the varsity softball field at Olentangy High School. A copy of the presentation is available upon request through the district's Business Office.

The softball program received a private monetary donation for the entire project cost. If approved, the project would be donated to the district upon completion. Desired completion for the project is by December of 2024.

Vasco is the contractor selected for the project. While not used for similar projects at other OLSD sites, Vasco offers a turf product that is specific to softball play and performance that Coach Yanez believes to be greatly beneficial to the program. Photos of similar projects installed by Vasco in Ohio were shared with the group. Most of the fields installed were at the college level.

Coach Yanez also provided a comparison of the proposed project specifications for the field at OHS with fields that were previously installed at OOHS and LHS. Unique to the proposed OHS project is the application of removable, heavy weight turf pads designed to preserve high traffic areas on the field. These pads can be applied to the field for practices and scrimmage games, then later removed for actual games to reduce the wear on the field surface and to extend its life. The life

expectancy for the field's surface is approximately 12-14 years. Grooming equipment is also included with the contract package to assist with field maintenance and quality.

While the intent of the program is for the girls to have priority use of the new field, there is a rental contract with a boys' little league organization for some use of the field. This is to help fund the cost of future field surface replacement and related items. Additional fundraising events are also a part of a plan to support future costs related to the field.

The softball field at SMS will also benefit from the project at OHS. The Washington Ball Mix on the field surface at OHS is to be excavated and transported to the softball field at SMS. The SMS field is in need of this material, which will greatly enhance the playing surface there.

Coach Yanez provided a very detailed and comprehensive presentation to the Facilities Committee. She is excited for the project and the opportunities that it will provide for the softball program at OHS.

Sharon Jurawitz thanked Coach Yanez and her team for the presentation. She called for a motion to recommend that the OHS Softball program present the proposed artificial turf project for the OHS varsity softball field at an upcoming Board of Education meeting.

Greg Rogers seconded the motion. All in attendance were in support of the project and none were opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Gordon will work to gain permission for the group to present the proposed project to the BOE at an October 2024 Board of Education meeting.

Capital Improvements (Five-Year Outlook)-

Jeff Gordon shared a brief PowerPoint update with members in attendance regarding the district's five-year capital improvement funding plan. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available upon request through the district's Business Office.

The original plan (shared with the Facilities Committee earlier in 2024 after the levy did not pass) depicted how little funding was left for upcoming fiscal years for district improvements. The existing PI funds quickly deplete with the district's size and improvement needs. Most impacted by the limited funds are new bus purchases, roofing improvements and HVAC/mechanical improvements needed to keep the district "safe and dry".

Mr. Gordon's newest update includes an infusion of "general funds" (provided by the district's Treasurer) that will extend the five-year capital plan funds out a little further (approximately two-years). This is extremely helpful, but unfortunately, even these additional funds will not last long. Realistically, the larger the district becomes the more capital improvement money is needed to maintain it. The district will do its best to maximize the PI funding remaining for as long as possible.

Enrollment Planning-

Sharon Jurawitz and Angie Bryant shared a “draft” of this fall’s enrollment projections report with members in attendance. A copy of the draft report is available upon request through the district’s Business Office.

Projections are based upon data in the district’s 9/4/2024 student enrollment report. Overall, the committee is only off in its projections from last year’s report by .35% (for Pre-K thru12), which is amazing!

However, Pre-K and K enrollments remain the most difficult to predict annually. There are so many factors that influence the enrollment numbers at these levels. This contributes to the irregularity of the numbers each year. The prediction for Pre-K from last year was very low, whereas the prediction for K was a little on the high side. As a result, they somewhat balance each other out this year. However, Ms. Jurawitz and Ms. Bryant would like to find a better forecast method for these grade levels.

Currently, Pre-K calculations are a percentage of the kindergarten enrollment number. It would be nice if there were a way in which Pre-K calculations were independent of the kindergarten enrollment number. Suggestions are welcome if anyone has some.

Some discussion commenced regarding the kindergarten voucher program. Members pondered the overall impact of the kindergarten voucher program on the kindergarten enrollment numbers. Treasurer, Ryan Jenkins, shared that he could easily provide voucher data to Dr. Jack Fette for further review of this subject.

Additional discussion focused on the lack of availability of all-day kindergarten program offerings within the district. Many members felt that lack of all-day kindergarten within the district likely keeps kindergarten enrollment numbers lower than if all-day programs were available. Members also commented that this was likely more impactful on kindergarten enrollment numbers than the voucher program.

Regardless, Ms. Jurawitz and Ms. Bryant felt that over the course of years, the prediction of first grade enrollment numbers were getting much better (regardless of the difficulty with the Pre-K and K numbers). Calculations for the overall reporting are still using 700 housing permits for single-family residences and 500 permits for multi-family dwellings. Population growth within Delaware County is predicted to be at 29% from 2020 thru 2030. Delaware County has a nice website with a lot of historical data and information available on it. It is very helpful in the creation of the district’s enrollment projections annually.

Classroom shortages at the elementary level already exist within the district and become markedly worse as each year passes. The three new elementary schools requested in the March levy are still very needed by the district.

Student enrollment continues to swell upward at the middle school and high school levels as well. Enrollment data at these levels continues to support the need for an additional high school and middle school facility as previously requested from the community.

Everyone thanked Ms. Jurawitz and Ms. Bryant for the hard work and efforts that they placed into the creation of the enrollment projection reporting. Members advised them to keep the calculation formulas and ratios the same for another year. They also advised them to keep the report as presented (despite the lack of new data availability from Woolpert until late in October of 2024). Mr. Gordon also asked that moving forward that Pre-K enrollment numbers be determined as a percentage of itself (rather than a percentage of K as it currently is determined).

Greg Rogers called for a motion for the enrollment projections report reviewed at the evening's meeting to be presented to the Board of Education at an upcoming meeting.

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

Jeff Gordon thanked everyone and will work toward finalizing a time at the October 10, 2024 BOE meeting for the presentation of the enrollment projections.

Influencers

Members expressed concern regarding a possible shortage of staff needed to keep up with the district's enrollment growth in a classroom shortage scenario.

Members discussed an on-going need for modular classrooms within the district, should a levy not be passed. Members commented that in ten years, as much of 25% of OLSD's student population could be in a modular classroom within the district.

Mr. Gordon asked the Facilities Committee to consider moving the meeting scheduled for 10/2/2024 to 10/9/2024. Members in attendance were okay with this request, but asked that the start of the meeting be moved back to 6:30 p.m. on 10/9/2024.

Sharon Jurawitz called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The Facilities Committee meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

The next monthly meeting is tentatively, scheduled for 10/9/2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Gordon