

**The Olentangy Facilities Committee Meeting  
January 8, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Olentangy Administrative Offices- Berlin Room**

**In attendance for the Facilities Committee were:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eisenhower, Frank | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rogers, Greg |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eisinger, Brian   | <input type="checkbox"/> Scott, Mark             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gilliam, Jarrod   | <input type="checkbox"/> Smith, Wesley           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> King, Dave        | <input type="checkbox"/> Troxell, Joe            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> McCaughey, Kevin             |                                                  |

Also in attendance were Lizett Schreiber (BOE Representative), Ted Sauder (BHS Hockey), David Majewski (BHS Hockey parent representative/supporter), Ryan Jenkins (OLSD Treasurer), Jeff Gordon (OLSD Chief Operations Officer) and Michelle Murphy (OLSD).

**Frank Eisenhower called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the night's agenda and the minutes from the November 6, 2024 meeting.**

**Brian Eisinger moved and Jarrod Gilliam seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**

**Greg Rogers moved and Brian Eisinger seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.**

**Berlin Ice Hockey-**

Mr. Ted Sauder (BHS Hockey) and Mr. David Majewski (BHS Hockey parent representative and program supporter) spoke at the evening's meeting and addressed Facilities Committee members with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the construction of a proposed hockey practice facility for donation to the district at Berlin High School. A copy of the presentation is available upon request through the district's Business Office.

The proposed facility is very simple in design. It is a pole barn structure (approximately 30 x 50 feet in size) to be placed near the maintenance barn at BHS. For comparison, a full sized hockey rink is traditionally around 196 ft. x 98 ft. in size. The facility will have lighting, but no heating or cooling. The flooring will be comprised of "synthetic ice" panels, which perform similar to real ice, but do not require climate control or refrigeration.

The synthetic ice panels are made of a hard plastic polymer product that ranges in lifespan from five to ten years. Many of the tile products can be "flipped" when worn to expose a new ice surface on the reverse side. Special maintenance practices and equipment can smooth out the synthetic ice surface after each use.

The tiles are designed so that traditional metal blade ice skates can be used on them. Players will need to exert a little more force on the synthetic ice surface to be able to "glide", but the surface allows for great practice experience for shooting, skating and puck handling skills for the athletes. About 4-6 players can use the ice at a time with the size of facility proposed. It is notable that the

synthetic ice surface does dull the blades of the ice skates a little faster than a traditional ice surface does. However, the overall benefits of the proposed facility are foreseen to be far greater (and less costly) than any of the anticipated drawbacks.

The BHS hockey team has a need for this facility primarily because of the high cost of ice time per hour (approximately \$375.00/hr. plus) at the Chiller North rink. The team practices five hours per week for 20-25 weeks (September-March). Ice time is extremely limited at the Chiller due to the high demand for ice time in the region. There are very few rinks in the central Ohio area available to service the demand for the ice time that is out there. This results in limited practice time and inconvenient practice hours for the BHS hockey team.

Estimated cost for the practice facility project is \$115,000. There will be no loans or financing for the project, as private donations are available to cover the cost of the facility. As a result, the project should have no impact on existing player fees or fundraising efforts.

Members in attendance were very excited about the proposed project. They understood the opportunity and the benefits that this facility could provide to the BHS hockey team and potentially the district overall. Members even requested that the BHS hockey program consider getting pricing for a full-sized hockey arena (using the synthetic ice surface).

***Frank Eisenhower called for a motion to allow the representatives of the BHS hockey program to present the proposed hockey training facility project to the Board of Education for review at an upcoming meeting.***

***Greg Rogers moved and Brian Eisinger seconded the motion.***

***All in attendance were in support of the motion and none were opposed. Motion carried.***

Members thanked the BHS representatives for their presentation. Jeff Gordon shared that the district would work with the BHS hockey program to finalize the best location for the proposed facility (that would least impact the existing BHS practice fields). Mr. Gordon also asked that the BHS hockey representative submit their completed/detailed financial plan to him for final review.

### **Capital Improvements Update-**

Jeff Gordon re-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 five-year capital improvement plan is being shared again because the Treasurer's Office has been able to provide additional funding to the Business Office from the general fund to support district permanent improvement projects. The additional funds are from the general fund and interest that has been generated over recent years from bond fund investments. These funds are welcomed relief for the permanent improvement budget at this time, which is struggling to keep up with the amount money needed to maintain our continually aging (and growing number of) district buildings.

One of the largest permanent improvement projects identified involves needed renovations at Shanahan Middle School (SMS). Mr. Gordon shared a PowerPoint presentation with members in

attendance of the updates proposed for SMS. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available upon request through the district's Business Office.

Proposed renovations at SMS include (but are not limited to):

- Flooring replacement
- Restroom renovations
- School signage replacement
- Front entry updates
- Casework updates

Mr. Gordon would like the Facilities Committee (or a subcommittee) to review the SMS renovation plan and to review the OFCC cost plan information that has been finally received by the district. Members preferred that the entire Facilities Committee continue to review both topics.

SMS was the original (and only) school building in the district from the early 1950's until the early 1990's. The building has been added onto (and updated) multiple times over-the-years. It continues to be functional and in good condition, but does require some modifications to keep it consistent with the newer middle schools that have been built since then.

Mr. Gordon would like the Facilities Committee to review and discuss:

- What is the foreseen lifespan of the SMS building?
- Once built, how long will Middle School #7 be needed (based upon enrollment projections)?
- Are renovations at SMS a good fit for an OFCC partnered project?
- What renovations are overall the most beneficial for the SMS building at this time?
- What could SMS be used for in the future (if it were not an educational building)?

Mr. Gordon will ask that Bruce Runyon attend an upcoming Facilities Committee meeting to be available to assist with the professional design, engineering and planning information needed to facilitate the review process requested above.

### **General Business**

Jeff Gordon shared that Frank Eisenhower has agreed to serve as Chairman and Mark Scott as Co-Chairman of the Facilities Committee for 2025. He thanked them both for taking on these roles.

**Frank Eisenhower called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Brian Eisinger moved and Jarrod Gilliam seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**The Facilities Committee meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.**

**The next monthly meeting is tentatively, scheduled for 2/5/2025.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Gordon