

**The Olentangy Facilities Committee Meeting
February 5, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Shanahan Middle School**

In attendance for the Facilities Committee were:

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| ☒ Eisenhower, Frank | ☒ Rogers, Greg |
| ☒ Eisinger, Brian | ☒ Scott, Mark |
| ☒ Gilliam, Jarrod | ☒ Smith, Wesley |
| ☐ King, Dave | ☒ Troxell, Joe |
| ☐ McCaughey, Kevin | |

Also in attendance were Dr. Kevin Daberkow (BOE Representative), Lizett Schreiber (BOE Representative), 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 January 8, 2025 meeting.

Mark Scott moved and Jarrod Gilliam seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Jarrod Gilliam moved and Mark Scott seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

Capital Improvements Update-

Members briefly gathered in the Media Center of Shanahan Middle School (SMS). Mr. Gordon shared a color map of Shanahan Middle School with members that illustrated the many different time-periods in which the school was added onto over the years. The Shanahan facility opened in 1953 and was the sole school building in the Olentangy School District for K-12 education until the early 1990's (when Olentangy High School opened).

The Shanahan school building has been maintained well over the years and is still successfully being utilized today. However, it could use some updates to improve its appearance and functionality. In upcoming Facilities Committee meetings, Mr. Gordon would like for the Facilities Committee to help to determine:

- What is the foreseen lifespan of the SMS building?
- What renovations are the most beneficial for the SMS building at this time?
- If the district needs seven middle schools long term, is SMS still able to operate effectively as one of the seven middle schools?
- What could all (or part) of the SMS building be used for in the future (If it were not an educational building)?

Members asked about the presence of insects in the Shanahan building. Mr. Gordon confirmed that there are on-going maintenance actions taken on a scheduled basis at SMS to control the population of insects identified in the building. The professional service providers contracted have shared with the district that the insects present are not deemed a health hazard, but are difficult to

eradicate due to the extensive basement and crawl space system underneath the building. The district will continue to take measures to keep the insect population to a minimum, as long as needed.

Moving forward, Mr. Gordon commenced with a facility tour of Shanahan Middle School with members in attendance. Tour areas were as follows:

- **SMS Media Center**- renovated into a media center in the 2006-2007 era. It is one of the frequently used spaces at SMS. It received new carpet last year. Due to the onset of media available via technology devices, there are very few books in the media center anymore.
- **1986 Building Addition (East)**- noted in pink on the map. It is located by the media center (at the far, east end of the building). The hallways are nearly ¼ mile long from this area of the building to the west end of the building.
- **1969 Section of Building**- notated in purple on the map. One of the older areas of the building. Restrooms in this area (and the entire building) could use updating.
- **1961 Section of Building**- notated in red on the map. It is also at the far, east end of the building. Members inspected the classrooms and mechanicals located in this area. Casework in this area (as well as the flooring) would benefit from some updating.
- **1993 Section of the Building**- notated in lime green on the map. It is on the far, east end of the building. It is the art room/old kitchen space of the building. It is connected to a large multi-use space (meeting space/wrestling room). This is one of the spaces unique to SMS that other OLSD buildings do not have. This space is frequently used at the building for a variety of purposes.
- **East Gym**- Currently, this space is used only as a gym. There is room to add a stage to the space if future funding allows. Members also toured the mechanicals located in the mezzanine space above the gym.
- **1986 Building Addition (Central)**- notated in pink on the map. This space encompasses the custodial area and receiving dock for the building. There are also many classrooms and mechanicals located in this section of the building.
- **West Gym (1998 Addition)**- notated in yellow on the map. The gym was in use during the tour by the Facilities Committee. It is the newer (and primary) gym of the two gyms in the building. It is used for most of the indoor sports competitions at the school. The restrooms in this section of the building are newer than most in the building.
- **1952 Original Section of the Building**- notated in dark green on the map. This area houses many of the frequently used spaces at SMS such as the band/strings/choir rooms, the Team Meeting Room, the science Co-lab space, the cafeteria and most of the Pre-K classrooms. Much of the building's basement and crawl space system runs under this space. Mr. Gordon toured members through the basement and the elevated mechanical spaces above this area. There is also a second floor of classrooms in this part of the building, which members toured.
- **1995 Kitchen Addition**- notated in dark blue on the map. Members were given access to the newer kitchen facility at SMS, which services cafeteria needs at the facility well. However, due to swelling enrollment numbers, sufficient cafeteria seating/dining space is still challenging.

- **1959 Building Addition-** notated in orange on the map. This two-story addition to the building served as classrooms, offices and meeting rooms over the years. Currently, it is being used as classroom and activity space for the preschool program.
- **1955 Building Addition-** located in light blue on the map. This two-story area of the building houses many classrooms, meeting rooms and offices. The building's aging elevator is also located in this section of the building. Installation of a newer elevator elsewhere in the building might be a needed improvement for the building in the future.
- **OASIS Modular Classroom Facility-** due to darkness and the weather, this facility was not toured. However, the facility was updated recently and continues to be used daily by the OASIS program.

In summation, Mr. Gordon shared that Shanahan Middle School has served the district well over the years. Its central location, unique spaces and size are some of its key attributes that continue to make it an integral part in meeting district educational, athletic and enrollment needs.

Because Shanahan has spaces that no other district middle school does (like the Team Room, 2nd Gym and Multipurpose Room), it affords the students (and staff) both educational and activity opportunities that are not always available at other OLSD middle schools. However, despite the district's ability to maintain the school well, parts of the school building are starting to show their age. As a result, if Facilities Committee members come to a consensus that the district should continue to use Shanahan MS for another ten, twenty or even thirty years, then it will be necessary to identify and implement the improvements that would be most beneficial for the building for the projected time period.

Some of the improvements in consideration are:

- New flooring for the hallways.
- A new (or additional) elevator.
- Restroom fixture and flooring updates.
- A stage for the East Gym.
- Casework updates.
- Updated school sign.
- Architectural enhancements to the exterior.
- Other-as identified.

Discussions regarding improvements at Shanahan Middle School will commence at upcoming Facilities Committee meetings. Mr. Gordon is seeking recommendations from Facilities Committee members regarding Shanahan Middle School by the fall of 2025.

New Member Candidate

Mr. Andrew Fouss has contacted the district expressing his interest in becoming a Facilities Committee member. A copy of his professional resume has been emailed to Facilities Committee members for review. Mr. Fouss has been invited to attend the March 2025 Facilities Committee meeting.

Influencers

No influencers were identified or discussed.

**Frank Eisenhower called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Mark Scott moved and Jarrod Gilliam seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**The Facilities Committee meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.
The next monthly meeting is tentatively scheduled for 3/5/2025.**

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Gordon