NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, November 4, 2024
Immediately Following Technology Committee Meeting
Administration Office
Board Room

Committee Members						Remaining Meeting Dates
	Gary Fedorcha - Chairperson		Lori Bali		Gene Marks	
X	Rhonda Frantz - Co-Chairperson		Todd Breiner	X	Sherri Molitoris	
X	Chad Christman		Michele Dotta	X	Scott Pyne	
X	Mathias Green	X	Nichole Fink		James Schnyderite	
	Gale Husack		Bryan Geist	X	Tania Stoker	
X	Robert Kern	X	David Hauser			
X	Donna Kulp	X	Eric Hill			
X	Natalie Snyder	X	Matthew Link			
X	Angela Williams	X	Christopher Mann			

Also in attendance: Mary Frank, Steve Haas, Ray Beers, Neil Kunkel, Dennis and Roxanne Marunich

- Tractor Sale & Zero Turn Quotes
  - The John Deere tractor was sold to Jim Thorpe School District for $32,000. I would like to purchase a new zero-turn with some of this money.
    - Zero-Turn (quote) would like to purchase a zero-turn and a bagger for $15,946.00.The bagger will help with removing grass clippings on the sports fields and building entrances. And leaf cleanup.
    - Board members on committee support moving the item to the November Board agenda for full consideration.
- Public Schools Facility Improvement Grant
  - We were awarded the grant to remove the 49,000sq.ft. of asbestos containing flooring in the high school and replace it with epoxy flooring. There will be approximately 28,000sq.ft. of flooring that doesn't contain asbestos and won't match the new flooring. (map) (First) - Everything in

yellow is covered by the grant. Everything in pink is not covered by the grant. - Discussion about what sections of pink to include or not in estimate/scope of work - Estimates for grant prep were between $9 and $18 / sq ft but some were not able to conduct in person walk-throughs
        - Lower level 2,938sf.
        - 2nd floor 2,678sf.
    - What would be the total cost to the entire school, and then by component parts. What is the cost to annually maintain the current flooring, and then extend that out?
    - If it is damaged, it can be repaired.
    - Board members on committee support administration going out for bid to gain additional information.

- Feasibility Study Discussion
    - Dr. Link Presented the NLSD - Feasibility Study Considerations
    - Review recommendations and options, input from administration, questions for direction of next steps
    - Questions
        - What is the total cost if the district consolidated into a common campus and made all improvements?
        - How would this be funded?
        - Would all PE staff come to combined PE/SE building? Is there opportunity to cut staff?
        - Could we see what cost would be to piecemeal projects in priority (i.e. all red, orange, yellow, lt green, dk green)?
        - Questions about what bussing would look like for PE/SE combination and if 6th is in MS.
        - What is the market value for PE if we were to close it and sell it? Discussion about who might take it over. Questions about whether or not that would be taxable.
        - What would be the impact of moving 6th to middle school on existing staffing and certifications?
        - Would we offer additional elective courses for a true middle school model?
        - Is there a need for an additional assistant principal (or Dean of Students) if 6th grade moves to MS.
        - Discussion around safety of having one school not on a common campus.
        - Discussion about halting short-term improvements (i.e. PE dishwasher) if the ultimate goal is to go to a common campus model. Additional discussion about purchasing items that can be repurposed in the event that we do move forward.

        - General consensus that more information is needed, community needs to know that no decision has been made yet, and stakeholder surveys or input would be sought too.
        - Questions about capital campaign and if the purpose of that is to raise funds for a common campus model or improvements discussed as part of the feasibility study. Dr. Link explained the purpose of the capital campaign.
        - Why do fire systems have to be upgraded at all schools?
    - Administration will pursue answers to these questions and return to committee / board with those.

Committee meeting schedule for 2025 will be determined by NLSD School Board at December meeting.