

**The Olentangy Facilities Committee Meeting
September 10, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Olentangy Administrative Offices- Berlin Room**

In attendance for the Facilities Committee were:

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

Also in attendance were Ryan Jenkins (OLSD), Jeff Gordon (OLSD) 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 June 4, 2025, meeting.

Brian Eisinger moved, and Joe Troxell seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Greg Rogers moved, and Jarrod Gilliam seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Information Update on Bond Issue-

OLSD's Treasurer, Ryan Jenkins, attended the meeting and shared a PowerPoint presentation with members regarding the district's no new millage bond issue to be on the November 2025 ballot for the community to vote on. A copy of the presentation is available upon request through the district's Business Office.

Mr. Jenkins shared that enrollment growth in the district continues to be "explosive". Due to this, the district projects an additional 5,000+ new students over the next ten years. Chief Operations Officer, Jeff Gordon, shared that over 2000 residential building permits have been issued within the district since the last ballot issue in late 2024. This growth trend within the district is anticipated to continue (and not begin to level out) until at least 2044.

Simply put, Olentangy has become a "destination district" where families want to be. As a result, OLSD's existing school buildings are currently operating above the capacity numbers established for them and new school buildings are needed for all grade levels to improve this situation.

Overall district building needs are for High School #5, Middle School #7, Elementary Schools #18-20, and the replacement of Shanahan Middle School. Immediate building needs are for Elementary #18 and High School #5. As a result, a no new millage bond issue is being placed on the 11/4/2025 ballot asking for the community to vote in support of no new millage funding, which would allow the district to proceed with the construction of both Elementary #18 and High School #5.

Both new school facilities are planned for the west side of the district. If the ballot request is approved by the community, the district plans to open Elementary #18 in the 2027-2028 school year and High School #5 in the 2028-2029 school year.

Treasurer Jenkins advised that it is important for the community to understand the district's urgent need for these new facilities and to understand that the "no new millage" request for the construction of these buildings is not a gimmick. It is because OLSD is fiscally responsible (and has been able to reduce its existing debt service) that the district is able to place this request on the ballot as a no new millage request. However, it is also important to note that unlike in the past, the November ballot request does not include a request for operating or permanent improvement funds. As a result, it is likely in the future that the district will need to return to the ballot to request needed operating and permanent improvement funding for ALL district buildings (not just the new buildings).

Mr. Jenkins also shared that it is important for the community to be aware that the no millage request does not mean that the district is over collecting or sitting on a large amount of funds that were previously collected. In fact, the district has been extremely careful not to over collect from the community and has lowered its tax collection rate with the county for the past two years. He also noted that the 20-mil floor provision plays into the rate of property tax collection within the county.

There remains disappointment that the previous bond issue in 2024 did not pass. It was a very cost-effective package for the community and met the long-term growth needs of the district. It is thought that the triennial property valuation review by Delaware County (which raised local property valuations by an average of 33.9%) in combination with an increased amount of misinformation on social media (that was not fact checked) hindered the passage of the district's 2024 bond request. Moving forward, these issues are large obstacles to overcome by the district with future bond requests.

Mr. Jenkins thanked everyone for their support of the district and encouraged members to share the facts about the November 2025 levy issue with neighbors and community members. The district's website has many resources available to help with questions that may arise. Mr. Jenkins would also be happy to provide clarification regarding bond request issues as needed.

District Enrollment-

Jeff Gordon advised that the process for enrollment projections reporting will be revised this year to greater incorporate the consultation and data services of Woolpert. Before Sharon Jurawitz and Angie Bryant were kind enough to take on a large part of the enrollment projections calculations and reporting process, the services of a consulting company were utilized to assist with this process. Without Sharon and Angie on the committee, the district is returning to the use of a consulting company (Woolpert) with the direction of OLSD's Dr. Jack Fette. Dr. Fette is currently working with Woolpert and plans to attend the 10/1/25 Facilities Committee meeting to review this year's enrollment projections with committee members. He would also like to consult with committee Chair Fank Eisenhower prior to the 10/1/25 meeting for additional insight and thoughts. Mr. Gordon asked Mr. Eisenhower to assist Dr. Fette in both reviewing and presenting the information to the Board of Education at the 10/16/25 BOE meeting.

In a similar manner to the enrollment projections, Mr. Gordon presented a draft of a proposed 20-Year District Facility Master Plan to members. The plan forecasts the number and type of facilities that the district foresees needing over the next twenty years. The Master Plan summarizes much of the work previously discussed at many of the Facilities Committee meetings and streamlines it into a guide for future district growth.

The plan includes details for additional transportation, technology and warehouse space within the district. Such spaces are hard to come by as existing real estate within our district, so they are incorporated into the district's construction planning at this time. The purchase of the district's Administration building was a rare opportunity within district boundaries. Should similar space become available, the district would be open to considering it should it prove cost effective for the purposes intended.

Also reviewed by Mr. Gordon was information supplemental to the master plan draft from the district's website. The documents on the website provide additional insight into Mr. Gordon's master plan draft. It is available by a link on the district's website.

Mr. Gordon shared that he would like to discuss the draft of the plan at this evening's meeting, then possibly vote on a final format in October of 2025. A brief discussion on the plan commenced as follows:

- Chair Frank Eisenshower would like to see the draft of the plan become a bit more expansive, but not too large.
- Member Jarrod Gilliam suggested combining the supplemental plan information on the website with the draft of Mr. Gordon's master plan reviewed at tonight's meeting. Links within the document would be helpful if they can be incorporated.
- Members were in general support of combining the two documents presented. They asked Mr. Gordon to create a revised draft and to share it with them via email prior to the 10/1/25 meeting.
- Mr. Gordon agreed to modify the documents as requested. He shared that he would send the revised document to the members via email once completed.
- Chair Frank Eisenhower asked members to review the revised document prior to the next meeting and to email comments to Mr. Gordon one week prior to the 10/1/25 Facilities Committee meeting.

Influencers-

Jeff Gordon shared that Lt. Governor Jim Tressel will be the guest speaker for the district's Bridge ED program later this month. He will email the information to members. It is an exciting event for the community. He would encourage members able to attend to do so.

Members discussed the visible growth recently in the Evans Farms community. This will surely continue to impact enrollment numbers in the district.

Members also shared that completion of the Home Rd. bridge project will likely have impact on future growth in the district (since the result will make the area more accessible).

**Frank Eisenhower called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Jarrod Gilliam moved, and Joe Troxell seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The Facilities Committee meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

The next monthly meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10/1/2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Gordon