

**The Olentangy Facilities Committee Meeting
November 5, 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 |
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| ☒ Fouss, Andy | ☐ Scott, Mark |
| ☒ Gilliam, Jarrod | ☒ Smith, Wesley |
| ☒ King, Dave | ☐ Troxell, Joe |

Also in attendance were Lizett Schreiber (BOE Representative), Molly Preston (OLSD BridgED), 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 October 1, 2025, meeting.

Wes Smith moved, and Jarrod Gilliam seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Jarrod Gilliam moved, and Wes Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

OLSD BridgED Program-

OLSD's Molly Preston, Assistant Director of Strategic Partnerships, attended the meeting to share a PowerPoint presentation with members in attendance regarding the district's BridgED program. A copy of the presentation is available upon request through the district's Business Office.

The BridgeED program coordinates internships and job shadowing opportunities for interested OLSD students with local business partners in the central Ohio area. These opportunities give OLSD students the ability to experience real world work environments. Such experiences allow students to better determine if their professional area of focus may be a viable career path for them outside of high school. It also provides local businesses with a path to potential employees for their organizations. Full-time employment has been offered to some of OLSD's students upon graduation. Such opportunities are especially beneficial for those students not wishing to move forward into a college experience.

The BridgeED program has been a success for the district and well received by the community. Recently, Ohio Lt. Governor, Jim Tressel, spoke at a BridgeED event at Olentangy High School. The district was both appreciative and honored that the Lt. Governor scheduled time to speak with district students and community members regarding the current business and economic climate in the state of Ohio.

Another recent BridgeED event allowed students interested in the medical field to experience an actual surgery (via an interactive video presentation) with the surgeon narrating key points of the

procedure and addressing student questions. An experience such as this provides OLSD students with a better awareness of the opportunities available to them within a particular job field.

Ms. Preston shared that many students are not aware of all of the opportunities available to them within the medical field alone. Most students are only familiar with doctor and nursing career paths (that in reality comprise less than 50 percent of the medical employment opportunities available). She noted that in the medical imaging industry alone, there are eleven different types of professional imaging career paths. Most of these opportunities are relatively unknown by students. BridgED takes great pride in sharing information regarding such professions with the students prior to graduation so they have the best information possible to make informed decisions about the future professional paths available to them.

In addition to the medical field, BridgED is also partnered with many businesses in banking, technology, construction, and various mechanical/industrial fields. The program is proud to partner with a wide variety of professions which benefit the overall student experience. New business partners are always welcomed. Ms. Preston encourages anyone aware of an organization (either small or large) that would benefit from a student internship or shadowing program to reach out to her. She is always looking for new business partnerships and pathways to grow the program.

Ms. Preston is also always in need of business professionals to present information to students interested in the variety of career fields that are available to them. If you (or someone you know) would be willing to talk to student groups about your profession, please reach out to her. She appreciates any opportunity to get career path information out to the students.

PI- Five Year Plan-

OLSD's Chief Operations Officer, Jeff Gordon, shared an update with members in attendance regarding the Five-Year Permanent Improvement Plan for the district. A copy of the presentation is available upon request through the district's Business Office.

Some bonds from the recent levy will be able to be sold to provide some limited funding relief for select district permanent improvement projects. The bonds are anticipated to be sold in the upcoming year to address these project needs. This will provide some relief to the overall permanent improvement project's budget though approximately 2028, but will not be a permanent funding solution.

Upcoming projects include general electrical, plumbing and mechanical needs as well as:

- Bus replacements
- Roofing improvements
- Stadium improvements (fencing, scoreboards and lighting).
- Theater updates
- Select SMS renovations

Building Updates-

Mr. Gordon and Mr. Jenkins are pleased to announce the passage of the recent bond request and the re-election of BOE members Dr. Daberkow and Mr. Lester. Mr. Jenkins shared that his office would move as quickly as possible to process the bonds for the project funding needed. Voter turn-

out was somewhat limited (around 25,000 community members), but community support was strong (and appreciated). It is great to be able to share this positive news and to get back on track with building the new school facilities needed to accommodate the continued student enrollment growth within the district.

Mr. Gordon shared that Elementary #18 is expected to break ground in the spring of 2026 and to open for the 2027-2028 school year. The High School #5 project is anticipated to break ground in June or July of 2026 and to open for the 2028-2029 school year. Both buildings will be constructed by Robertson Construction. Fanning Howey (architecture) is still in the design process for High School #5 but has completed the design process for Elementary #18.

Both Mr. Gordon and Mr. Jenkins expressed their excitement at being able to share this good news with the committee. It is nice to be able to proceed forward with the district projects needed again. They thanked everyone on the Facilities Committee for their efforts and their support of the district.

General Business-

The 2026 meeting calendar was handed out to all members in attendance and will be sent electronically to committee members as well.

Members were asked to confirm their continued membership on the committee for 2026. Members not wishing to continue participation on the Committee for 2026 should reach out to Michelle Murphy via email by mid-November.

No members expressed the desire to take the place of Frank Eisenhower as Chairman of the Committee or Mark Scott as Co-Chair of the Committee. As a result, Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Scott will continue in these roles for the 2026 calendar year.

Members in attendance determined that there was no need for the Facilities Committee meeting scheduled for 12/3/25. As a result, it was determined that the meeting should be canceled and a notification to be sent out electronically to all members.

Members reviewed the resume provided by potential member candidate Taylor Larr. Several members felt that the professional experience provided by Mr. Larr did not align well with the general focus/tasks of the Committee. Mr. Larr is welcome to assist on solar energy project evaluation with the Committee at a meeting if desired. Mr. Gordon will reach out to Mr. Larr regarding the discussion.

Frank Eisenhower called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Jarrold Gilliam moved, and Greg Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Facilities Committee meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

The next monthly meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1/7/2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Gordon