



Board of Education Facilities Committee

January 9, 2026

Time 1-2 PM

Board of Education Room

Minutes

Present: B. Bass, M. Walker, L. Raymond, D. Brazil, K. Slentz

The committee convened the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

1. Framing the work

Committee

- a. Review and approval of agenda

The committee approved the agenda.

2. Updates and Recommendations

Administration

- a. Professional Services

- i. [Policy 6741](#) guidance

- ii. Building Conditions Survey (BCS)

K. Slentz provided an overview of the proposed process for completing the state-required BCS in the 2026 school year with an architectural firm.

- b. Phase 2 project status

- i. Fire alarm system

D. Brazil updated the committee on the status of the alarm system and the next steps in the process. The contractor anticipates completing the work during the February break, after which the fire inspector will inspect the system.

- ii. High school heating

D. Brazil updated the committee on the heating system on the first and second floors of the high school. The system, which was not included in the Phase 1 portion of the project, is pneumatically (air pressure) controlled, is difficult to repair, is inefficient to operate, and results in fluctuating temperatures in classrooms and offices. Administration recommends that we move to an electronic control system that integrates with other systems, can be controlled remotely, and operates more efficiently. By using funds from the site work contract for projects that are of lower priority, we could use the contractor that is already involved in the project. K. Slentz noted that we may use the same approach to address heating issues in the MS/HS Commons area. The district is awaiting a cost estimate from the construction manager to determine next steps.

iii. Site work

D. Brazil updated the committee on the site work contract that was not completed as scheduled due to issues with the contractor. The district will rebid the contract in the spring, and work would likely be done in the summer/fall months.

c. Capital Outlay project status

D. Brazil updated the committee and noted that this year's capital outlay will address some of the inefficient windows and door units at Springhurst. The state education department has approved the project, and the contractor anticipates being able to complete the work during the spring vacation. L. Raymond confirmed that, so long as the district completes certain actions and filings on time, the district will receive state building aid in the 2026-27 school year.

d. EPC project status

The contractor that is completing the energy study is waiting on ConEdison to complete a review of the solar portion of the project. The architect will determine if solar power credits are still as lucrative as when the project design began. The district anticipates an update from the energy service company in February and will update the committee thereafter.

e. Gould Park renovations and implications for athletic teams

Due to renovations taking place at Gould Park beginning this spring, the football field will not be available for use during the fall 2026 season. Based on previous meetings with the village, the district expects that a new baseball field will be available for the spring 2027 season. K. Slentz and B. Bass will meet with the village for an update on the project.

f. MS/HS Commons courtyard

D. Brazil updated the committee on the administration's proposal to fence in the courtyard outside of the Commons so that students can use the area during lunches, and teachers can use the area for classes. Shade canvases could be added to control temperature during the warmer days of spring. Administration will update the committee as we determine next steps in the process.

3. Discussion Items

Committee

a. Capital reserve project

i. Athletic facilities upgrade options

ii. Middle school locker room option

D. Brazil and L. Raymond updated the committee on the proposed use of the capital reserve funds for Springhurst athletic facilities upgrade, including field lights, a press box on the football field, and a concession stand/restroom area. The administration had previously considered renovating the middle school locker room area but determined that certain renovations in this area could be completed by our facilities staff.

b. January 13 board presentation overview

D. Brazil and L. Raymond will provide a presentation on these topics and future building projects to the full board on January 13.

4. Action items

- a. Authorization of the sale of the Wickers Creek property
Based on previous discussions with board leadership and the facilities committee, the administration will present a recommendation at an upcoming meeting for the sale of the Wickers Creek property between the aqueduct trail behind the middle school and Wickers Creek.
- b. PTSA community mural request
 - i. [Policy 5222](#) guidance
K. Slentz updated the committee on a public art project sponsored by the PTSA. The mural will be completed on the west wall of the Commons area and will reflect the history of the Dobbs Ferry community. K. Slentz will update the committee on the final design at an upcoming committee meeting.
- c. Establishing a community-based facilities planning committee
 - i. Overview of draft project plan
K. Slentz provided an overview of the proposed facilities community advisory committee. K. Slentz asked board members to review the proposed project plan and to provide the names of community members who could bring experience, expertise, and/or community history to the committee.

5. Next Meeting

- a. March 6 at 1:00 pm

6. Adjourn

The committee adjourned the meeting at 2 PM.

Committee