

GENERAL SERVICES MEETING

01/26/2026 [04:00 PM-05:00 PM] in the Board of Directors Room

1. Call to Order

Minutes

Mrs. Renz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held virtually.

2. Roll Call

Minutes

Members in Attendance: Lesa Brackbill, Joshua Cysyk, Jennifer Renz, and Christine Stickler

Members Absent: None

Citizen Advisors in Attendance: Betsy Davison, Cindy Jackson, Daniel Lauria, and Sarah Nickolich

Citizen Advisors Absent: None

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Michele Agee, Jodie Dermo, Henry Snyder, and Stacy Winslow

Staff and Public in Attendance: Phil Ayala, Anthony Colestock, Lindsay Drew, Melanie Heckel, John Michel, Stewart McCarver, Jared Nicholson, Honesta Romberger, Lauren Stadel, Lou Verdelli

3. Election of Chair

Minutes

Following a nomination by Dr. Cysyk, Mrs. Renz was approved to remain as committee chair.

4. Approval of Summary Minutes

Minutes

Following a motion by Dr. Cysyk and a second by Mrs. Brackbill, the Minutes were approved.

5. Unfinished Business

5.a. Update on Elementary School Sub-Basement Infrastructure Work

1. Timeline of work
2. Next Steps

Minutes

Dr. Winslow shared details of the elementary school sub-basement infrastructure work with Mr. Snyder sharing remediation steps. Some of the highlights are:

- reported to Dr. Rawls September 25, 2025
- leaking pipe location near 5th grade hallway
- air quality testing completed right away - no concerns noted
- contacted Fidevia to help with navigation - contacted THC for asbestos concerns – nothing of concern
- meeting with elementary staff on October 6
- follow-up air quality testing on October 17 resulted in 1 indication of a fungus that was likely brought in from the playground
- next steps for pipe remediation - requires heating system shut down, not feasible with the current temperatures
- looking at February 16 when staff and students are not in the building or when the weather breaks

5.b. Facilities Updates - Mr. Henry Snyder

Minutes

Mr. Snyder shared a lengthy list of items that are in need of repair or replacement. He has a plan to work through the list.

6. New Business

6.a. E-Rate Presentation - Jared Nicholson

Minutes

Mr. Nicholson shared an E-Rate presentation, highlights are:

- elementary school access points for wireless internet are 10 years old in current elementary building
- no longer sold or supported
- cybersecurity risks
- increased online state testing - increased bandwidth is needed
- use E-Rate (Federal Program that is deadline restrictive) to purchase - 50% of cost is covered - program refreshes in 2031
- able to transfer the access points to new elementary building
- when ECC is renovated - move DO access points to renovated ECC

6.b. Act 34 Booklet for Elementary Project

Minutes

Mr. Colestock, with Lou Verdelli adding financial information, shared the following:

- ACT 34 hearing scheduled for March 3rd at the elementary school

- prior to hearing the board will need to approve a maximum building construction cost and total project cost based on estimates
- hearing must be advertised for 20 days
- hearing will be recorded and a transcript completed by a stenographer
- items shared during the hearing:
 - the need for the project
 - options considered
 - cost estimates
 - financial analysis
- PlanCon workbook – requirement of ACT 34 and from when the Department of Ed provided reimbursement on projects
- financing plan
 - to use proceeds from the borrowing done in 2023
 - use about \$11M from that issue
 - issuing about a \$50 million bond issue this summer
 - another approximately \$50 million bond issue next summer
 - district is AAA rated - allowing the district to issue its own general obligation bonds to achieve lowest interest rate available
- if bids come in higher, there is an 8% buffer before needing a second ACT 34 hearing
- community invited - may be heard - submit their names and written testimony to the District office and sent to Dr. Winslow until noon March 3, 2026

Following a motion by Dr. Cysyk and a second by Mrs. Brackbill, the committee moved the Act 34 Booklet to the full Board for approval.

7. Public Comment

Minutes

There were no citizens with comments or questions for the committee.

8. Adjournment

Minutes

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m. with a motion from Dr. Cysyk followed by a second from Mrs. Brackbill.