

Facilities Committee Meeting

March 2, 2026 | 6:00 PM | Facilities Office & Zoom

Attendees:

- In-Person: Susan Sander, Beth Twardus, Marcin Michalski
- Via Zoom: Matt, Robinson, Jose Matthew (partial), two public members

Public Comments

None

Meeting Follow-Up Items

ESCO 2 Update:

- The committee reviewed progress on ESCO 2 initiatives, including lighting upgrades, solar installations, and building improvements across the district.
- Marcin reported that **all six district solar systems are now installed and operational**. Despite weather-related production impacts, the systems have generated approximately **\$111,000 in savings to date**.
- The ESCO 2 scope also included **UVGI installations**. Safety training videos will be provided to custodial staff to support proper system operation and maintenance.

Major Capital Update:

- Bids for **Lewis Elementary School's roof renovation** and **Heritage Elementary School's renovation project** were received and came in **below the original estimates**.
- The committee reviewed the planned scope of work at Heritage, which includes **HVAC system upgrades and building improvements** identified during earlier facility assessments.
- Marcin reported that **five additional schools are currently in the bidding phase**, with schedules and architectural estimates being monitored to align with the **summer construction window**.
- The committee discussed scheduling challenges related to tight construction timelines and pending approvals, which may impact whether **four other projects proceed this summer**. If approvals or bidding timelines extend too far into the spring, some projects may need to be postponed. Potential delays could result in increased costs due to **prevailing wage adjustments and market conditions**.

New Business;

- Marcin provided an update on **ongoing HVAC issues at Cook Elementary School** related to the building's **VRF system**.
- Despite multiple service efforts, the system continues to experience intermittent operational issues. A **data logger has been installed** to monitor electrical activity, and the district is coordinating with **Delmarva Power** to install an additional logger to determine whether power fluctuations may be contributing to the issue.
- Temporary heaters are available to maintain comfortable classroom conditions should the system experience interruptions.

- The committee also discussed **improving transparency regarding Major Capital projects**. A suggestion was made to develop a **public-facing summary document** outlining project priorities, scope, and timelines to better communicate district facilities improvements to the community.

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