The Olentangy Facilities Committee Meeting
May 6, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.
Olentangy Administrative Offices- Berlin Room

In attendance for the Facilities Committee were:

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

Also in attendance were Dr. Kevin Daberkow (BOE Representative), Lizett Schreiber (BOE Representative), Eric Sauer (member candidate), Anup Janardhanan (member candidate), Brian Baker (OLSD observer), 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 of the March 3, 2026, meeting.

Jarrod Gilliam moved, and Joe Troxell seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Jarrod Gilliam moved, and Frank Eisenhower seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026, meeting. Motion carried.

Solar Subcommittee-

Mr. Gordon briefly recapped the student presentation from the 3/3/26 Facilities Committee meeting regarding a proposed solar resolution for the district. The resolution was comprised of general energy saving initiatives such as the replacement of gas-powered equipment with battery powered equipment, the implementation of more LED and solar devices, and the replacement of mechanicals with more energy efficient versions (as the older equipment lifecycles out). In reality, most of what the students are proposing in their resolution, the district is already practicing.

Members discussed that in the past, the ROI on solar panels and some energy savings equipment was just not viable monetarily. The ROI on solar systems has been typically 20 to 25 years, which is generally the equivalent of the lifecycle on most energy saving equipment itself. Chair, Frank Eisenhower advised that in the past, investment in extensive energy savings devices rarely made economic sense without some form of government subsidy to offset the high initial cost of the investment.

However, technology and battery life have seen improvements in recent years. As a result, Mr. Gordon has issued a general solar RFP on behalf of the district seeking information and pricing on current energy savings equipment, systems and materials. The RFP was intentionally left wide in scope and open to suggestions in attempt to receive a variety of proposal types and information from energy professionals. Mr. Gordon anticipates RFP submissions to be received by the district toward the end of May.

Mr. Gordon would like members of the Facilities Committee to volunteer to participate on an energy subcommittee to review the results of the solar/energy RFP submissions. Members Brian Eisinger, Jarrod Gilliam, Kevin McCaughey and Joe Troxell graciously volunteered to review/discuss the RFP submissions for the district when they are received.

Mr. Gordon thanked members for their willingness to participate on the subcommittee and advised that he would be in contact with them once the RFP submissions were received. It is possible that the standard Facilities Committee meeting scheduled for 6/3/2026 might be replaced with a meeting of the solar/energy subcommittee members only. An announcement will follow relevant to this.

Building Updates-

Mr. Gordon shared with members that site work has been in progress for the district's Elementary #18 project. The site work got off to a slow start for the project but has picked up time in recent weeks due to dry weather. Foundation work on the building is anticipated to start the week of 5/11/2026. Work to place a construction trailer on the site is still in process. Weekly construction meetings are currently being held at the district's Administrative Offices but will be moved to the site once the construction trailer placement is completed.

The groundbreaking event for the High School #5 project is scheduled for 6/1/2026 prior to the Board of Education meeting the same evening. Information regarding the event and parking will be sent out by the district soon. The first of several GMP's for the project is anticipated to be complete in mid-May. The GMP package will include early site work, steel and long lead time items.

Chair, Frank Eisenhower, commended the district for its refinement of the construction process for new buildings in the district. The district's continued replication of the same floor plans for elementary, middle and high school buildings has enabled the district to refine the construction process for new facilities. He believes that this practice has directly resulted in cost and time savings associated with the projects. Additionally, it appeals to area vendors making it more likely for them to bid repeatedly on district projects.

PI Projects-

Mr. Gordon advised that the remainder of 2026 will be filled with multiple district capital improvement projects. Some of the upcoming projects are as follows:

- Track resurfacing work (multiple locations)
- Tennis court resurfacing work (multiple locations)
- Window replacements (multiple locations)
- Asphalt/paving improvements (multiple locations)
- Roofing improvements (multiple locations)
- Flooring improvements (multiple locations)
- SLC space creation (multiple locations)
- Office additions from existing space (multiple locations)
- Chiller Replacement at Glen Oak ES- fall 2026

Future Planning-

Mr. Gordon reminded members that in 2022, the Facilities Committee previously discussed and supported the need for a Technology Facility within the district. However, due to the non-passage of the levy at that time, action was not taken toward finding or constructing this facility. This proposed facility is still a part of the current Facilities Master Plan that was recently reviewed and approved by the committee.

As of 2026, the need for a centralized, district Technology facility still remains. The Technology staff has simply outgrown the space in the district's Administrative Offices (OAO) that has been allocated to them. Additionally, they are desperately lacking the storage and equipment delivery space that they need to efficiently function to meet the increasing demands of the district. The steady enrollment growth within the district continues to make a dedicated space a priority.

Additionally, the district's Pupil Services staff continues to grow. They currently occupy a small space within the district's Administrative Offices (but have a need to expand into the current Technology space within the district's Administrative Offices). Currently, there is no remaining space available within the Administrative Offices to be able to expand the Pupil Services staff into. Cubicles have been added to hallways and closets transformed into small offices/conference areas to make maximum use of the space available for other groups within the building. Currently, we are quickly outgrowing the OAO building and are seeking reasonable solutions moving forward.

The proposed Technology Facility would be an effective way to free space within the OAO building for the short term. Current estimates are that a pre-engineered metal building could be newly constructed on district-owned land at the Olentangy High School campus for around 2.5 million dollars (within 16 months). ROI on the cost of the facility would be approximately 6 years.

The proposed facility would be approximately 13,710 square feet in size. Approximately 7190 sq. ft. of this would be office space and 3260 sq. ft. storage/delivery space. This space would be centralized within the district and allow the Technology Staff to have needed access to the technology hub infrastructure within Shanahan Middle School. CMF staff could also temporarily share office and warehouse space at this proposed facility, which would effectively free up some additional space at OAO. Treasurer, Ryan Jenkins shared that the district currently has some interest money available that could be used to fund construction of the proposed Technology Facility (as long as the cost remains under $3 million dollars).

Members in attendance understood the continued need for this facility and discussed that the construction cost appeared to be very reasonable for the area.

Chairman, Frank Eisenhower, called for a motion to allow the district to proceed with the design and pricing phase for a proposed Technology Facility for the district.

All members in attendance were in support of the motion, and none were opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Gordon will follow up with members when additional plans and pricing are received for this project.

General Business-

Members welcomed candidates Mr. Eric Sauer and Mr. Anup Janardhanan to the Facilities Committee meeting. Both gentlemen are area residents and architects that have an interest in joining the committee. Based upon their interest in the committee and their professional skill sets that align with the committee's focus, the members in attendance were in support of the Board of Education approving them as members of the Facilities Committee.

Frank Eisenhower called for a motion to recommend that Mr. Sauer and Mr. Janardhanan be recommended for approval by the Board of Education for approval as Facilities Committee members.

Jarrod Gilliam moved and Greg Rogers seconded the motion.
All were in support of the motion, and none were opposed.

The Business Office will place Mr. Sauer and Mr. Janardhanan on the 5/20/26 BOE agenda for review/approval.

Influencers-

No influencers were identified or discussed.

Frank Eisenhower called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Joe Troxell moved, and Brian Eisinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Facilities Committee meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The next monthly meeting is tentatively scheduled for 6/3/2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Gordon