Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2026
7:00 pm

Attending all or part of the meeting:

Board Committee Members:	Kenneth Hong, Chair, Todd Kantorczyk, Nicole Scherer and Dr. Henry Zink
Other Board Members:	Dr. Julie K. Mesaros and Sue Tiede
T/E School District Representatives:	Dr. Richard Gusick, Arthur J. McDonnell, Dr. Mike Szymendera, Marshall Barkman and Richard Livergood
Other:	David Farabaugh and Bryant Snyder from Heckendorn Shiles Architects, and Rich Delp from Schiller & Hersch Associates, Inc.
Community Member:	A student from the Spoke

Review of the Minutes:

- The Committee reviewed the May 12, 2026, minutes and recommended that they be placed on the next Board consent agenda.

Construction Report & Change Orders

- Mr. Farabaugh reported on the Summer 2026 bid packages and stated that both were completed on August 19, 2026. His report included pictures of the work and cost summaries pertaining to both projects. Change Orders were reviewed and approved to be placed on the next Board consent agenda.

Easttown Township Sidewalk Easement:

- Mr. McDonnell reported on a request from Easttown Township for an easement related to a sidewalk project. The Committee reviewed and after discussion it was determined to go back to the Township to obtain additional information before authorizing approval of the easement.

Athletic Fields Project Update:

- Mr. Farabaugh stated that the project is substantially complete and in use. His report included photos of the athletic fields.

Bear Hill Elementary School Update:

- Mr. Snyder stated that the substantial completion date of Bear Hill Elementary School is April 9, 2027. His presentation included photos and a video of the status of the project. The four change orders that are pending were explained by Mr. Snyder and the Committee approved them to be placed on the next Board consent agenda.

Bear Hill Elementary Solar:

- Dr. Szymendera stated that we did not receive the solar grant for this project. The report included the costs and rebate opportunities if the Board chose to fund the project without a State grant. Mr. Delp explained details including the potential credits, watt pricing and rebates, and the system payback period would be ten years with rebates and eighteen years without the rebates. Exact Solar has provided an installation quote of $177,723.00 that expires on October 31, 2026. The Committee will continue to discuss this at future meetings.

2027 Summer Infrastructure and Technology Reports:

- Mr. Farabaugh presented a schedule for the two 2027 Summer projects with pre-bid meetings later this month. These projects will be brought back to the Facilities Committee for the November 17, 2026, meeting.

- Dr. Szymendera presented the technology report including a 15-year forecast with reduced cost estimates and expenses being pushed to a later date. The model is created based on the concept of keeping assets as long as possible, which could result in higher costs and spikes in some later years. The Committee accepted the new report format as proposed by Dr. Szymendera.

Secondary ISP Bid:

- Dr. Szymendera reviewed two proposals received for the project and the recommended vendor is Fiber Asset Company LLC d/b/a Zayo for a monthly fee of $1,500.00. The Committee supported the quote and it will be placed on the next Board consent agenda.

Environmental Sustainability Update:

- Dr. Gusick presented a report and reviewed the operational and educational enhancements to environmental sustainability. This report will be placed on the School District website.

Capital Sources & Uses:

- Mr. McDonnell presented an updated report and summary of the capital needs for the next few years including potential bond issues to fund these needs. He stated there would be more discussion of the sources and bond issues at the next Finance Committee meeting. He added that the technology infrastructure report presented by Dr. Szymendera would be updated in the next iteration of the report.

Committee Goals:

- The Committee Goals were tabled until October 13, 2026, Facilities Committee meeting.

Other:

- None.

Public Comment:

- None.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Future Meetings:

- Tuesday, October 13, 2026
- Tuesday, November 17, 2026
- Tuesday, December 15, 2026