

North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200
Minutes of the Facilities-Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
North Boone District Office
6248 North Boone School Road
Poplar Grove, IL 61065
Tuesday, June 8, 2021
4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Brian Haselhorst at 4:30 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Chad Cunningham, Melissa Geyman, Dr. Greenlee, Ed Mulholland, Jim Nolen, Nan Schilling, Dean Schultz, Greg Stahler and Heather Walsh. Also Present: Judy Hutchinson and Sara Istad. The following Committee members were absent: Kelly Hanaman, Joe Haverly and Mary Piskie.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(none)

UPDATE ON CURRENT DISTRICT PROJECTS

Mr. Stahler stated they will be looking at each building this summer, and will document the state of the mechanical systems in order to start developing a master plan. Options and pricing will be presented and if the Board decides to move ahead with any of the scenarios, they will plan for RFP's in November or December for work to take place next summer.

The Board also tasked Cashman Stahler to look at alternate energy, specifically geothermal to see if it is practical at any of the schools. They will put together a report including findings and recommendations, and plan to present to the Board in July or August. In an effort to ensure the projects begin right away next summer, they will target bid packages for November.

Dr. Greenlee noted fiber will be coming through the e-rate project. He also stated the server room at the middle school is way too small, so they were considering using a conference room for expansion. Dr. Greenlee acknowledged our generators were not adequate, so we will need to address that project as well. Ms. Geyman put together electric bills and loads for each building. Mr. Stahler said as they review the electrical issues, they may bid these items as a separate package. The initial budget for HVAC was approximately \$650-700K.

The goal for the bus parking lot was to put concrete and asphalt on top of stone. If approved, the project could be completed this fall, but they will know more after the soil borings and the survey. Ms. Geyman confirmed there was room in the budget for the project. Mr. Mulholland asked if we were required to put spill containment on the lot. Mr. Stahler has already discussed this with their civil engineer, but will work with an environmental engineer to make the determination. Mr. Nolen is in the process of obtaining pricing for fencing and gates.

The Committee agreed to move the bus parking lot project forward.

Mr. Stahler also presented updated drawings for the CES property. He noted the majority of the SE corner playground will remain after the bus loop project is completed. With the water pipes estimated at 40-50 years old, they are planning to do an alternate bid to replace the water service. They will also get an alternate bid on underground electric service, as the current service is on poles. Another alternate bid will be sought to re-do the student playground. Mr. Stahler asked for thoughts on the old storage shed. Mr. Schultz noted the shed leaked and should be replaced. Mr. Stahler suggested now would be a good time to do a master plan. The team is working on construction drawings with hopes to get bids out in July. Mr. Stahler noted this project could be done in stages. Everything that will need to be cut out of the Grover property can be used on the site. Mr. Stahler stated a civil engineer is working with the village of Capron on the storm water situation.

The Committee was in favor of having a 30 x 30 maintenance shed as an alternate bid, and was also in favor of moving the project forward.

UPDATE ON COST SAVINGS INITIATIVES

Ms. Geyman provided a list of the main Operations & Maintenance contractors. Costs have been reduced, as we have brought some jobs in house. Ms. Geyman will continue to watch for trends and expenditures.

We have received a \$1,243 reimbursement for participating in the NRG Demand Response Program for 2020-2021.

LONG TERM ATHLETIC FACILITY PLANS

Dr. Greenlee noted plans were drawn up a couple of years ago to do improvements in phases, using our own budget. He invited the committee to discuss and prioritize these projects. Mr. Haselhorst confirmed there were still \$500,000 placeholders for large projects, and he also wished to incorporate all athletic facilities in the plan. Mrs. Schilling stated we were far behind other schools, and that we are prohibiting students from participating in some outdoor sports by having facilities that are sub-par. She noted we have \$1.2M in capital projects fund balance. Mrs. Schilling would like to use the existing drawings to build from by laying out a track, soccer and football fields, and baseball and softball diamonds. She wished to move as a Board, and said there was almost \$2M between the capital projects money and ESSER III funds. She would like some ESSER III money to be used for an outdoor track. Mrs. Hutchinson felt our facilities were not up to par and not acceptable. ESSER I was spent on digital items including computers, ESSER II will be spent on HVAC, and ESSER III is planned for learning loss, but would also include playgrounds. Dr. Greenlee suggested meeting with Mr. Haselhorst, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Haverly and Mr. Stahler to review plans and get updated baseline costs.

CUSTODIAL STAFFING

Administration is proposing the addition of two full time custodians to fill absences and a seasonal ground position. The proposal will be brought to the June Board meeting.

RECYCLING

Ms. Geyman presented the breakdown of recycling costs. Mrs. Schilling would like to see the addition of blue bins for the recycling of plastics.

SOLAR ENERGY

Mr. Haverly had asked for this topic to be added to the agenda. Dr. Greenlee asked for direction. Mr. Haselhorst said in the past, he had lost interest since we were not eligible for rebates as a school district. Mr. Cunningham noted Huntley School District just added three solar fields. He will get contact that information to Ms. Geyman.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

(none)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(none)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Brian Haselhorst, Chair