

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, October 11, 2022
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Brian Haselhorst at 6:33 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Dr. Greenlee, Brian Haselhorst, Joe Haverly (arrived at 7:05), Ed Mulholland, Nan Schilling, Dean Schultz, Greg Stahler, Heather Walsh and Dr. Zelek. Also Present: Angie Koch (in place of Holly Houk), Mary Maxey and Becky Self (arrived at 7:18). The following Committee members were absent: Chad Cunningham, Kelly Hanaman, Holly Houk, Sara Istad and Jim Nolen.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(none)

SUMMER PROJECTS UPDATE

Dr. Greenlee provided an update on each building:

Capron Elementary School: The water softener has been installed. Some new piping and urinals have been installed in the upper and lower bathrooms as the existing ones were too high for a majority of the students.

Manchester Elementary School: Water softeners have been installed. The upstairs faculty bathroom has been redone.

Poplar Grove Elementary School: Carpeting has been completed in four rooms.

Upper Elementary School: New boilers have been installed.

Middle School: The gym floor has been redone and repainted. If you get a chance, please stop by and see the new wrap on the trophy cases in the front entryway. It really adds some school spirit to the building.

High School: The privacy offices for the guidance counselors have been put into place. The water softener has been installed.

CAPRON PARKING LOT

Dr. Greenlee met with Greg Stahler last week to discuss a punch list and the few items that still needed to be sorted out with Stenstrom.

The landscaping contractors will be back to reseed the retention area where some of the area had been washed out by the rain and to fix the slope by the berm.

A second coat of parking lot paint will be applied.

In the original designs, there was not a fence included along side the house to the west that has dogs. For student safety issues, Dr. Greenlee would like to see if the Board is willing to let us obtain pricing to have that completed.

There are still water volume/pressure issues that are being dealt with which is having an effect on our new water softener. The pump to help add more pressure to the building has been installed, which did help, but now the concern is water volume.

Mr. Stahler did speak with Stenstrom and they are putting together a draft on the final change orders. As of the last meeting there are still some undercuts to the main drive and the bus area, fortunately, they were minor. As of right now, the project had a \$50,000 contingency, almost all of that has been absorbed with the undercuts on the south side of the drive and parking lot. It is looking like we will be \$40,000 over budget. Stenstrom will have the information to Mr. Stahler this week in order for he and the engineers to review. There have been some issues that have been declined on our end.

In regards to the water pressure, Mr. Stahler did state that the building never had an RPZ which reduces the pressure for the water to building so that the building would not push back water to the water system. He has Stenstrom and our engineer looking into how to resolve this issue. The pressure is there, however there is a drop that occurs and that has them confused. They are looking to make sure that everything is installed correctly at this point.

Dr. Greenlee stated that the new landscaping has been completed and that two trees were planted today which will be dedicated to Adele Grover and to Olen "Gene" Brown for their contributions to the project, the community and the School District as a whole. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony next Friday, October 21st at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. Schilling inquired as to where the \$40,000 that was over budget would come from and does that include the issues such as the sidewalk. It does include the sidewalk and Mr. Stahler stated that the sidewalk was not completed as the sidewalk did not lead anywhere and it was agreed, along with the Village of Capron, to not do it. The overage will most likely come from Transportation or possibly Capital Projects.

Mr. Haselhorst asked the status on the Village paying for the plumbing issues that the school was having. Dr. Greenlee stated that we have not heard anything on it as of yet and we will be reaching out to our legal team for assistance. Mr. Stahler has given them documentation to get the process started. However, he is waiting for all of the water issues to be resolved. We are also waiting on the plumbing inspector for his review for possibly dropping the code violation.

Mr. Haselhorst also asked how the detention areas have been working. There has been no standing water at all and seems to be working well.

PHONE SYSTEM

Our current phone system has been in place since 2014. The backbone of the system will no longer be supported after December 31, 2022. Due to this, a decision must be made on how to move forward. We need to look into a system that incorporates phones, PA systems, bells and synchronizes the clocks. Several of our schools have different issues with these systems right now. An example is the bell system at PGE has been down since June and there is no way to repair it as it very old. This is included in this year's budget. Dr. Greenlee will be working with Randy Porter and Jim Nolen as well.

2ND STAGE OF HVAC

Dr. Greenlee asked Mr. Stahler if we need to get bids for the second phase which includes units to the cafeterias and gyms that did not have the updated ventilation. The estimates should be somewhere around \$650,000 which would come out of ESSER funds. Mr. Stahler stated there would only be 6 units purchased. He feels we have enough to get these completed. He is hoping we can get the units purchased soon in order to have them by next winter due to lead time. Mr. Haselhorst asked about the status of the univents. They have all been delivered with an installation timeline of summer.

PGE BOILER

The existing boiler at PGE is having the same issue as the one that was just replaced where the heat exchanger stopped working. We either need to repair the part or we can replace the entire unit. It is actually \$5000 cheaper to replace the unit, which will "sister" up to the existing unit and have a new warranty on it. We have received three proposals for this and Ceroni Plumbing seems to be the best choice as they have already done work at PGE and they are also the lowest priced.

Mr. Haselhorst asked why there is such a big difference in the three bids. Mr. Schultz said that he gave all three the exact same specs and this was what was received. He also stated that as of today, Ceroni does one left in stock. Mr. Mulholland asked if they would be able to hold it for us pending the decision of the Board at next Tuesday's Board Meeting. It was agreed to put a Recommendation to the Board to accept the bid from Ceroni's at their next meeting.

FENCING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Dr. Greenlee said that a fence for the bus lot is needed as per the building agreement and they are looking to get some quotes for this to be done. As of right now, we have only received one quote to get a rough idea on the amount. Mrs. Schilling would like to review the Special Use Permit that was issued for this property.

LAWN EQUIPMENT

We have a couple of zero turn mowers that have several hours on them as well as a mower that is extremely old. We are still doing repairs, as we are able, but we do need to start looking into rotating out some of these pieces of equipment. They are still functional but we need to be aware of where we stand with them.

ATHLETIC RENOVATIONS

Included in the meeting packet were a few different scenarios, with 4 different phases for each, for the Athletic Renovations. Previously there was a four-tiered funding option put together which showed how much of our budget would go to the stadium. Under those four different levels, it showed what we could accomplish. One of our biggest items to decide on would be turf or no turf for the football field. In helping to decide that, at each level, it would be necessary to decide what our priorities would be and then to look at what we could accomplish within those scopes by doing the work in phases. The tricky part with Concept C, which is the new facility that would be located by the high school, would we would not be able to use it until all of the phases are complete. However, if the existing facility were to be done in phases, it would still be able to be utilized. Our overall priorities need to be decided and ranked with consideration to all of the sports fields.

There was some discussion on each concept, the phases and the difference in pricing as well as the difference between synthetic turf and natural turf.

Mr. Mulholland would really like to have community input on the renovations/construction. Perhaps even a referendum. He also questioned how we were going to manage both facilities.

Dr. Greenlee did mention that whichever plan is chosen, the district still needs to have some money left over in the budget for any repairs that are needed at any of the other buildings in the District. Life Safety inspection will be happening in the next couple of years and there needs to be a cushion for any issues that arise from the inspection.

Mr. Haverly voiced his concerns stating that we do need to agree to a specific process which we want to follow and have clarification as to what we really want to do and when to have it all accomplished.

It was suggested having an event to get the community's input on a new facility or renovating our existing facility, the same as was done during the strategic planning process. This would be a fact-finding process. Dr. Greenlee said he will reach out to Harvard as to how they went about this process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(none)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Submitted by:

Brian Haselhorst, Chair