

North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200
Minutes of the Facilities-Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
District Office
6248 North Boone School Road
Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065
Tuesday, September 15, 2020
5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Ed Mulholland at 5:00 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Chad Cunningham, Dr. Greenlee, Jim Nolen, Dean Schultz and Greg Stahler. Also Present: Melissa Geyman, Randy Porter and Jerry Rudolph (via phone). The following Committee members were absent: Kelly Hanaman, Tom Kinser, Mary Piskie and Heather Walsh.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(none)

UPDATE ON DISTRICT PROJECTS

Mr. Nolen provided the status by building:

High School

Trees were cleaned up, the driveway will be paved on they worked on the catch basin.

Middle School

The lift station pump will be rebuilt or replaced, and the well was re-wired.

Manchester

Sinking concrete has caused water to pool in the boiler room.

Capron

A leak was discovered in the old computer room. The room is going to be a 3rd grade classroom, so they have removed the carpet and will need to replace the flooring. Benchmark will be onsite to determine the options.

Upper Elementary

The gas line for the kitchen will be hooked up and signage should be completed next week.

District Office

Mr. Nolen thanked Mr. Mulholland for his guidance in identifying the locations of the conduit for the fiber optic problem. Fiber was tested and they adjusted the conduits. He noted the phone system at the District Office was down today, caused by four peds with mouse damage. The phones are now operating again. Mr. Nolen said the fiber around the District Office is from 2009, but the reflectivity is within the standards. Mr. Rudolph confirmed any new fiber project can be run through e-rate.

Mr. Nolen said ROE completed their District-wide walk through and punch list today. He noted there were some minor housekeeping issues, which will be resolved within two weeks. He thanked the staff, as our buildings received very good reviews from the inspectors.

Mr. Mulholland asked if there were any other large projects we'd like to start. Mr. Nolen suggested retrofitting drinking fountains with bottle fillers. Mr. Mulholland emphasized the benefit of having like units, in order to use the same parts. Ms. Geyman said there is typically \$500-600K earmarked for large summer projects. Mr. Mulholland said we could possibly tackle a bathroom remodel. Mr. Schultz mentioned for example that smaller fixtures were needed for Capron's restrooms. Mr. Mulholland asked what can be done about balancing the air handling and questioned if fixing the univents would be cost prohibitive. Mr. Schultz had researched this, and it was recommended we replace them with hotel like heat/air units. Mr. Stahler said this would be a great conversion assuming the pipes were the right size.

E-LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Dr. Greenlee felt we got off to a good start and thanked the Technology Department for all their hard work. Mr. Porter noted we were using a lot of bandwidth and enabled a Google Meet setting which will limit the connections speeds. There is also Google Meet quality tool, in which Mr. Porter had reviewed the 1-star ratings. He said it seemed like the video portion is the problem. He is also looking at the web filter, which allows or whitelists. He stated Google Meet and Gmail have been whitelisted, which should help the situation.

Mr. Porter provided an update on the fiber and noted all buildings are now connected. Per Maplenet, there is a situation regarding obtaining all the permits for the new internet connection and they are approximately 30-60 days from everything being resolved.

Mr. Mulholland stated the District Office building was originally built for the Transportation and Technology Departments. He said at some point the middle school may need space the IT Department currently occupies. He recalled with the growth expectations in the past, they planned for the DO staff to be in a separate building. Mr. Mulholland noted we did not have to follow the original plan, but felt there needed to be a conversation about whether our current placements are the best use of space. Mr. Porter said he would like to see a larger server room, as there is currently no space, so they are finding it very difficult to maneuver around the area.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Dr. Greenlee obtained recommendations from the Health Department which advised if people cannot maintain 6' of social distancing, we should use Plexiglas dividers. He has been in contact with several schools about the 6' rule, and in actuality, schools are 2-3' apart with no Plexiglas. Boone County Health Department said 6' is the gold standard, but can live with masks if that is not attainable. He suggested Plexiglas at least in the front office areas and at the shorter, 4' middle school tables. He noted all K-6 students in Winnebago County are in attendance every day and high schools are A/B days.

Quotes for Plexiglas were provided to the Committee. The prices from three different vendors range from \$517,350 to \$1,197,051. Plexiglas was quoted for student desks, teacher desks and tables.

Lead time is 1-3 weeks from purchase order. Ms. Geyman had budgeted approximately \$500K for Plexiglas this year.

Mr. Mulholland commented that there is no guarantee Plexiglas will keep us safe, so we may have to consider Winnebago's model about being less than 6' apart. Dr. Greenlee said conversations were starting regarding students coming back, such as younger students and life skills. He expressed that we would need to ensure good structure and minimal exposure.

Mr. Nolen said we have cleaning supplies in stock that will last about two months.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

(none)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(none)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

Ed Mulholland, Chair