

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
Wednesday, July 11, 2012
4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Don Ward at 4:04 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Dr. Steven Baule, Mrs. Denise Balsley, Mrs. Rhonda Boeke and Mr. Jim Novak. The following Committee members were absent: Ms. Emily Gregory, Mr. Tom Moon, and Mrs. Jeannine Plath. Mr. Steve Cashman and Mr. Bob Balgemann were also present.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(No Audience to Visitors)

SUMMER PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. Novak informed the Committee on the following summer projects:

Middle School Well: The new well has been installed, and the water is hooked up and running. However, the well had to be drilled to 280 ft. instead of the estimated 140 ft. The old well will be filled in.

Middle School Roof: The roofing is basically completed with no unexpected problems. The metalwork is yet to be done.

Capron Roof: The roofing is being completed today, and they are working on the trim metal. Some additional tuck pointing was done because additional decay was found. The gutters are yet to be installed.

Lighting: Lighting in all the gyms in the district has been replaced. The new lighting has made a significant difference in the gyms at Capron, Poplar Grove and the middle school as well as the high school commons

Manchester Kitchen: The work on the kitchen is progressing; concrete was poured on Monday, wiring is started and some walls have been built. It is expected to be finished on time; however, one piece of equipment may not arrive until just before school starts. Other pieces of equipment are being moved to Manchester from other buildings. The stove hood has been installed.

Dr. Baule noted the status on creating computer labs in all schools, i.e., Capron Elementary, North Boone Upper Elementary and North Boone Middle School are completed, but approximately \$5,000 worth of computer furniture is yet to be ordered for Machesney. The IT Department is working on getting estimates for air conditioning in the computer server room at NBMS. We are also working on wiring and data estimates for the Machesney lab.

Mr. Novak added:

Manchester and NBHS Parking Areas: A large portion of the asphalt is being replaced at Manchester Elementary. The same company that is doing the seal coating at the high school has agreed to do this work. The high school and Manchester parking areas will be closed down July 18-20 to complete this work.

Carpeting at Manchester: The new carpeting for the hall is being held until the lockers are completed.

Bleachers at Capron: There was an offer to modify the bleachers and leave them open permanently. However, the District architects and bleacher inspectors both recommended against doing that because of safety issues. Thus, the bleachers at Capron will be removed.

Bleachers at NBMS: The bleachers on the gym stage will also be removed.

Dr. Baule informed the Committee that he had received an e-mail from ISBE stating that the district will receive a maintenance grant in the amount of \$50,000. A security committee will be developed to review maintenance of school keys, alarms, security cameras and to develop a security plan. Among others, the committee will consist of Rhonda Boeke, Jim Novak, Dale Purvis and a yet to be determined Board member.

COUNTY SALES TAX REFERENDA OPTIONS

Mr. Ward explained that a fairly new law allows schools to collect a 1% sales tax in the county for school construction. Belvidere School District has decided to move forward and put this issue on the November ballot. North Boone School District would be a part of this initiative, and this district could potentially receive around \$450,000/year if the referendum passes. The whole county would receive around \$2.6M. The monies from this referendum could be used to offset escalating bonds (property tax payer burden) or in any way the Board sees fit as long as it's for capital projects. The majority of the sales tax collected would be from outside the North Boone School District. This would be an advantage for North Boone property owners because the majority of the tax would come from businesses outside of this school district, and it could prevent any increases in home owners' property taxes.

UPDATE ON LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLANS

Dr. Baule stated that he was not able to meet with Growth Dimensions prior to this meeting but would schedule a meeting in the near future. In the meantime, he asked the district architects to develop a long-range plan going forward from the last Facility Task Force Recommendations dated March 15, 2005. There are a couple basic items in the 2005 plan he recommended the district not do:

1. Build another high school (instead, add on to the present building).
2. Make NBUE the main building for grades 5-8.

Mr. Cashman explained that in order to create a basic conceptual design for a new stadium, the following issues must be determined:

1. Location

2. Scope of project
3. Ways to phase in project
4. Construction cost estimate for work

The items listed above are necessary in order to get to the point of creating a design and determining cost. At some point, a new stadium will have to be built and the information gathered in the proposed study will be relevant and can be used in the future. Mr. Cashman recommended using synthetic turf because of its advantages over a green field as well as its many more uses.

Dr. Baule suggested a committee consisting of a broad scope of individuals be created to review the scope of the project and make some of the necessary recommendations.

Mr. Cashman continued that the stadium would really be a community asset and that the architectural fee for the study would not exceed \$25,000. Dr. Baule added that the Booster Club was considering supporting a portion of this study. Mr. Cashman estimated that, depending on the scope of the work, the entire project could be around \$3M.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

(No Other Discussion Items)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Facilities-Long Range Planning Committee meeting is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Submitted by:

Don Ward, Chair