



Oswego Community Unit School District 308

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Facilities and Planning Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Oswego East High School – Room C213
1525 Harvey Road, Oswego, Illinois 60543
Monday, April 28, 2014
5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

I. Roll call

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Board of Education Member and Committee Co-Chair Mr. Brent Lightfoot

The attendance sheet was used in place of an official roll call.

Members in Attendance: Mike Barr, Bill Baumann, Russ Harrison, Christine Jaegle, Monika Kelly, Danny Kenyon, Douglas Pfeiffer, Denville Pieters, Russell Pietrowiak, Allison Sulkson, Amy Underwood, Heather Warner, Dan Wons

Dr. Matthew Wendt, Superintendent, Dr. Paul O'Malley, Associate Superintendent, Board Members and Co-Chairs: Matt Bauman and Brent Lightfoot

Guests in Attendance: No guests in attendance

Members Absent: Kim Hartnett, Mindy Renier, Mike Smart

Recording Secretary: Ursula Coan

II. Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2014

Mr. Lightfoot asked the committee members if anyone had questions, comments, or changes that were needed to be made to the minutes from the February 24th meeting. There were no changes requested.

A motion was made by Mr. Lightfoot to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2014 meeting. All members in attendance agreed unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

III. Update on Maintenance Project List

An update was given on the project list and the committee was informed that there would be an opportunity to ask questions. The hard work to rank the projects is very much appreciated. As the list was presented to the board, the administration weighed in with their thoughts and priorities, looking more at the financial piece.

As a committee, we simply looked at the 19 projects to be ranked.

Administration was asked to collect bids for all projects over \$ 25,000.

We are moving forward on the projects under \$ 25,000.

We will see bids come back to the board in early June.

Projects are broken into 2 categories.

Safety: Roofing, Heating Air Conditioning Fire Alarm

Maintenance: Track, Swimming Pool, Pavement Improvements

Track will be bid out with 2 options (adding a lane or repairing what we have) and the swimming pool will be bid out with 3 different options. Total for all project will be 5.3 million.

The question was raised whether bond money should be used for this. This has been discussed amongst the board and there is a concern that it is not good practice to pay for this with 20 year bond money. The statement was made that we do not have any other option since the repairs and improvements are needed. There was discussion about a piece of land the district could sell. It was noted that the rental return on that land more than pays for the interest on the bonds.

The board voted to move forward with the bids.

IV Facilities Planning: Next Steps

What is the long term plan for the 308 administration center and all the pieces that go along with that?

We have seen our facilities, gone on our tours and if there is a building you would like to see, we can arrange that. We need to make some decisions and have a conversation about our direction. I don't believe we have any new construction under way at this time. It has been a while since the district could make this statement. It would be hard to find a school year where nothing was under construction. Dr. Wendt stated that he made a commitment to the board that we could go 5 years without constructing a facility. I still believe that an Elementary School will be next, potentially an early childhood center. Brokaw does not have a lot of room. Let's get caught up on some things and then we can do some initial planning.

We have some enrollment projections but we have not done a district wide enrollment analysis with the new 2014 thinking. There is evidence throughout our district that things are changing. Dr. Wendt was talking about some districts losing enrollment and having to close schools or redistrict. RSP and Assoc. is the districts planner and demographer. They have 97-98 % accuracy on our enrollment projections. The president will be in our district June 4 to hold a series of meetings. He will meet with our administration, developers and realtors as well as village officials.

Every Principal needs to know how many students will be in their schools over the next few years so that the best teachers can be hired early.

RSP will be able to tell us how many students are expected at each school and in each grade level over the next few years. There is significant development and growth around Hunt Club and Grande Park. There is a sense, real or perceived, of overcrowding. Hunt Club holds the Dual Language Program. Is there consideration at this point of relocating the DL? The board will hear discussion tonight on how we address Dual Language. The demographer will be able to show us if this growth will continue. We have continued to grow through economic down times. A meeting was held regarding Wolf's Crossing Road. We expect to add about 700 students to OE over the next few years. Many of them will be drivers. We will need to add lanes to that road. It can happen, it can be funded with taxes, like county wide sales tax. Our job is to educate our elected officials.

III. Public Comment (3 minutes each)

There were no individuals present for public comment.

IV. Adjourn

*A motion was made by Mr. Brent Lightfoot to adjourn.
All present were in favor to adjourn.*

Meeting adjourned: 6:59 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 23, 2014