

Des Moines Public Schools
Superintendent's Facility Advisory Committee

Meeting date:

June 14, 2012 at 5:00 PM
Operations Center – 1917 Dean Avenue

Members Present:

Marvin Alexander
Joel Doyle
Meredith Mauro
Susie Rider
Jeffrey Hall
Kent Mauck

Members Absent:

Brian Clark
Kris Cooper
Paul Krause
Ed Linebach
Twyla Woods

DMPS Staff Present:

Bill Good
Tom Ahart
Bryce Amos
Connie Baker

The Facility Advisory Committee met on June 14 to review priorities and projects for bonding ahead based on the revenue purpose statement and to discuss the timeline for proposed boundary changes information to be presented at community meetings in September and October 2012.

A rough draft of proposed projects (attached) was reviewed. Bill Good, Tom Ahart, and Bryce Amos were available and answered questions about school enrollments, the different types of programming currently at these schools, and current planned programming changes at the schools.

Questions regarding the proposed projects and how it relates to state requirements and code changes and where the original Local Option Sales Tax projects were completed prior to some of these code changes, the district continues to review new and previous projects in relationship to the ADA, grease interceptor, and asbestos abatement code requirements. Also noted by Kent M. was the management of construction has transferred from an outside management firm to district construction management staff overseeing current statewide Student's First projects thereby saving some money. Bill G. pointed out that the salaries for the construction management team are funded through the sales tax rather than general funds. The renovations, upgrades, and additions are being coordinated without the use of swing schools allowing students to remain in the building, the majority of the updates taking place during the summers.

A discussion was opened about the use of a Central Stadium for varsity games and savings that may be realized by changing to a centralized improved facility for use by the district's high schools (eliminating the need to use fields such as Drake Univ.). This could also attract statewide competitions and generate other revenues to help support the facility.

Meredith M. had a question about where the district is regarding old versus new boilers within the district and Bill responded that although there are still boilers in use in the district, there are currently 51 Energy Star rated buildings out of 63 schools. 29 of these schools are geothermal. The district has

also qualified and received MidAmerican Energy rebates. Updates to systems and the use of controls on mechanical equipment continue to be analyzed for energy savings.

Tom Ahart explained that the principals and all parents have been contacted regarding the change to adjust the elementary school boundaries that were proposed by the committee (Garton, Carver, Capitol View, Stowe, Brubaker?). Tom and Bill will present the information received on feedback to the board in July.

Bryce Amos has been working on a tentative timeline which was reviewed with the committee and updated based on the committee's input for informational meetings at the high schools as well as getting information out on the district's web link, at registrations, calls to families, etc. and upcoming board meetings.

The next tentatively scheduled Facility Advisory Committee meeting will be the first week in November, 2012 with committee members in the meantime attending neighborhood/community meetings at high schools through Sept/Oct regarding proposed boundary changes and what makes sense for all kids.

Tasks:

- Committee to review the draft of the proposed projects and return comments to Bill within the next week.
- Tom & Bill supplying data requested to the board members.
- Setup dates for high school community meetings with principals, parents, Facility Advisory Committee members (sign up)
- Information to be given at registrations, web link.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Baker