



LINCOLNWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 74
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at **6:00 PM**

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Minutes of the Facilities Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of Lincolnwood School District 74, Cook County, Illinois, was held in the Marvin Garlich Administration Building 6950 N. East Prairie Road, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712, on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.

Chair Vranas called the Facilities Committee meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

John P. Vranas (BOE), Chair
Rupal Shah Mandal (BOE), Co-Chair
Myra A. Foutris (BOE)

FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Emily McCall, Community Member

ADMINISTRATORS/STAFF

Dr. David L. Russo, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Dominick M. Lupo, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Courtney Whited, Business Manager/CSBO
Jim Caldwell, Director of Buildings and Grounds

OTHERS PRESENT

Athi Toufexis, StudioGC
Susan Fahey, Director Children's Care & Development Center, Inc. (CCDC)

2. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Susan Fahey, Director Children's Care & Development Center, Inc. (CCDC) commented that CCDC wants to be part of the District's future and serve the needs of families. The program offers an experienced staff who understand the needs of students, particularly those with emerging special needs. CCDC staff hold accreditations that individuals in other programs do not possess. As they look at their finances, CCDC is a small, non-profit organization that is fully funded by parents' tuition. Susan concluded by reiterating the program's desire to be a part of the District's future.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes - **MARCH 18, 2025**

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the March 18, 2025 Facilities Committee meeting minutes.

4. DISTRICT ARCHITECT OF RECORD - STUDIOGC architecture+interiors

a. StudioGC architecture+interiors Project(s) Update

I. The Attached Presentation Provides Three Concepts for Discussions Relative to the Future of Todd Hall.

Dr. Russo provided an overview of a conversation held with the Village of Lincolnwood administration regarding proposed redevelopment of the Lincolnwood Town Center. The District Administration talked about:

- 1) Uncertainty of predicting impact on District enrollment from redevelopment without knowing the number, type, and intended market of residential units
- 2) Costs associated with educating students with varying levels of academic need
- 3) The limited ability for the District to absorb a large influx of students
- 4) A need for the District to be involved with the developer at the earliest stages
- 5) Expectation of financial considerations to the District based upon impact on student enrollment from redevelopment

The Committee asked about the impact on enrollment from the District 1860 project, which has yielded approximately ten new students to Lincolnwood district 74 at the present date.

Athi reviewed three concept drawings for potential additions to Todd Hall. The first was a four classroom addition to provide space for CCDC programs, along with renovations to existing Todd Hall classrooms allowing for a series of space utilizations recommended by the Administration at a previous meeting.

For long-term planning purposes, Concept Two places a single or multi-story addition at the southeast corner of Todd Hall. Athi presented the specific amount of space that would be associated with additions of various sizes and how many classrooms that could be added.

Concept Three presented an addition to Todd Hall at the northeast corner that would knock down the Administration Building, which was not as desirable from the Committee's perspective.

If we need to expand, the Committee wants to develop a concept that keeps the Administration Building accessible to the community rather than on the top level of a multi-story addition. In Concept Two, the Administration building remains.

The Committee directed the Administration to start planning for Concept One scheduled for 2026 to expand the Pre-K program and allow the District to have additional special education classes and to accommodate CCDC into the future.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Facilities Committee concurs with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve Concept One for 2026 construction to accommodate NTDSE, Pre-K expansion, as well as to incorporate CCDC into the future of the Village.

b. District Shed Purchase and Installation

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Facilities Committee concurs with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve the installation of a Premier Pro Ranch garage with Tough Shed or any other vendor that can provide this unit at a more competitive price in an amount not to exceed \$30,767.50 to be installed in Summer 2025.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Lincoln Hall “Pennant Wall” in the Athletics Wing

The Committee members did not like the “Welcome to the Jungle” verbiage in either of the concepts. The Committee directed the Administration to develop Concept One with the language “Welcome to Lincoln Hall: Home of the Jaguars”.

Dr. Russo talked about relocating the pennant installation to Rutledge Hall replacing the world map at the school’s entrance that is starting to peel and become inaccurate. The Committee would like to see options for the pennants within Lincoln Hall. They agreed that the current Rutledge Hall map should be taken down and a new concept with a geographic theme be developed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the Facilities Committee meeting at 6:59 p.m.

The next Facilities Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

John P. Vranas, Chair

Rupal Shah Mandal, Co-chair