

BUILDINGS/GROUNDS & TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Date: October 18, 2021
To: Board of Education
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BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

Facilities Committee

The Facilities Committee did not meet this month.

Crisis Management Meeting

The Crisis Management meeting was held on September 16, 2021. I have attached the minutes

Washington Drive

I am happy to say that the Washington School driveway is completed and everyone is happy with it.

Gym Floor

The new floor is finished. I want to make you aware that right now it looks old and dull looking. The floor can't be cleaned with a scrubber for 30 days, once this can be done it will look much better.

Jr. High Exterior Door Replacement, Small Chiller & Maintenance Grant

When we started the process of building a new school, the question was asked, what does the High School and Jr. High have left to upgrade. The Jr. High needs exterior doors and the High School needs the small chiller replaced to take the burden off of the big one during the summer months. It also would be there if something happened to the main chiller. The Jr. High doors were in our original five year plan to replace. I contacted GRP to get a price. They gave me a quote of \$164,294.00. I have applied for a \$50,000 maintenance grant for this project which would leave us with the remaining \$114,294.00. This would replace all 34 doors. The small chiller I will get bid documents ready and send out. I will bring the bids to the Board as soon as I receive them.

Snow removal

I put the snow removal out for bid this year. The bids are due on October 28th. It has been over five years since we have bid this out.

Head Maintenance Position

I have filled this position with Nick Maton. Nick will be a good dependable person and will fit in well with the current staff.

New Elementary School

The school project is moving along very well. Over the past few weeks there have been numerous conversations with our Staff, BLDD and Peottker Construction. These conversations went well and the Staff had the opportunity to give their input on their needs for specific spaces. We have also discussed alternate building sites. BLDD inquired about the possibility of moving the School to our west lot, due to easier access to utilities and easier traffic flow. This was only a recommendation on their part and as we are still in the very early stages of this long process. It is our goal to continue with our original plan and construct a new Elementary School on the ground that the District purchased for this School. We are going to be having a meeting on Wednesday of next week to discuss utility options for our west building site.

I have been told that there is some concern from the Public of why we didn't consider the old Walmart Building. Mr. Bauer and I looked into this location almost a year ago. Mr. Bauer had sent an email on December 6, 2020 to me about Businesses and School Districts that had converted abandoned Big Box Stores to Schools as well as for other uses. We talked with the Health/Life Safety Inspector with the Regional Office of Education in Vandalia. He had concerns with the age of the building and how much it would cost to bring it up to code, it would not be feasible. The other down fall was that the Walmart building is only 46,000 square feet which is 30,000 less than what we would need and there was not enough room for a gym or to have a Cafeteria large enough for 600 students and also not enough green space for playgrounds.

Transportation

In September we had some steal a catalyst module off one of our buses. I just received the cost to repair it last week. The estimate was \$22,000. I will be turning this in as an insurance claim and I hope to have the bus back on our fleet in a few weeks.

Safety hazard resolution

Every year the Board is required to acknowledge that there are existing safety hazards in our District. I have attached the resolution for Board approval.