

CROSBY-IRONTON SCHOOLS
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
November 5, 2024

Item 7.2a

The buildings and grounds committee met in the Forum Room on November 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Laura Lee and Barb Neprud. Jamie Skjeveland, Erica Marcussen, Travis Fuechtmann, Jen Strom, Cley Twigg and Bill Tollefson were also present.

Phase VI Summer of 2025 and Beyond Planning – The committee received an update on plans that were previously presented and approved at the September 23, 2024 School Board meeting. There were a couple items that were pending additional information at that time, which has now been updated, as well as a new, student-driven item based on needs identified since the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

General Information –

Budget Update – The Phase VI budget update has been adjusted to include costs of items that will be discussed further as part of this meeting. These additions include the addition of two gender-neutral restrooms, the request to consider adding air conditioning to the Woock Gym, and an updated estimate on weight and cardio-room equipment (which may not be part of the Phase VI budget, but which may see a separate fundraising effort to cover the costs). The estimated budget is now at \$6,555,644. Without considering some other factors, such as interest earnings on the invested bond proceeds, this leaves a balance of unobligated bond proceeds of just under \$900,000. These funds can be committed to Phase VII projects, which are not yet identified.

Secondary School – Update –

Family and Consumer Science (FACS) – Stakeholder meetings have continued in regard to planning for the FACS room. Several changes from the last building and grounds committee review include a change in location for the teaching wall (moving from the west wall to the east wall) as well as updates on the specialty equipment and the ventilation system, including the need to temper the air as a result of more frequent air exchanges. There was discussion about whether or not to proceed with this project or to shelve it again, based on the outcome of the operating referendum election that is in process today, with election results that will be known tomorrow. If the operating referendum election is not successful, will there be a need for this space to be remodeled in the longer term.

Interior South End –

Woock Gym - The structure engineering work continues regarding the plans to deconstruct the concrete bleachers in the Woock Gym and the spaces below them. The north side will see the construction of storage rooms for the majority of activities and there will be telescoping bleachers on the south side. There will be efforts to reclaim the existing gym floor material. There will be new basketball hoops and a center divider curtain. The main court will remain centered in the space and the side courts will be slightly smaller than regulation. In order to facilitate air conditioning, there will need to be a new condensing unit installed on the roof (likely above the vestibule near the northeast corner of the Woock Gym) and upper east wall of the gym will need to be demolished to allow for the removal of the existing, very old air handling unit and the installation of a replacement unit that can accommodate the addition of air conditioning. Scoreboard and new sound system will be provided separately from the construction project. A plain or basic scoreboard that includes wrestling will be sufficient. A wrestling mat storage location continues to be explored, either above the north side storage area in the Woock Gym or by installing a hoist system in the physical gym.

Tommy Sablan arrived.

Weight Room/Cardio Room – The weight room will remain as-is, with new flooring, paint and lighting. The cardio room will be located where the computer lab (room 310) is, and based on reduced student capacity, will only require one exit and modification to the south wall windows in the form of a fire shutters that will lower in the event of a fire so that the two-hour fire wall can be maintained.

Auditorium Lighting – The house, stage and back of house lighting will be replaced with new LED lighting that is dimmable, color changing, and controlled by both a control panel and an iPad. All rigging will be removed and less rigging will be reinstalled. The auditorium will not be repainted. There may be a need for a fence wall to close off the space between the floor and the bottom of the backlit screen to avoid distractions.

Secondary School – New Items

Air Conditioning the Woock Gym – See the earlier discussion regarding Woock Gym air conditioning. Initial cost estimates ranged from \$200,000 to \$800,000, with a likely cost of between \$450,000 and \$500,000. Since so much of the work to do this involves major demolition and reconstruction, it was deemed that now is the time to do this and to get the space outfitted to meet the needs of today's facility requirements.

Gender-Neutral Restrooms – North End of Building – Based on some student-driven issues that were encountered this fall, the high school principal had requested consideration for converting at least one restroom on the north end of the building from a traditional restroom into a gender-neutral restroom. Based on the configuration of the restrooms on the upper and lower level of the academic area that mirror each other, the need to reconfigure plumbing, vent piping and waste lines allows for some level of efficiency that would make it cost effective to convert both the upper and lower level restrooms at the same time, from traditional to gender-neutral restroom space similar to that which is located off the cafeteria/commons. While in the meeting a new idea emerged, and the committee discussed a third restroom, located at the hallway corner near the career/tech ed (CTE) wing, to also be converted to gender-neutral. There was some objection to converting these restrooms, but the committee plan was to move to proceed with planning for converting all three restrooms on the north end, with this to be confirmed by the School Board at the regular November 2024 Board meeting. The conversion of the third restroom will use some of the remaining balance of \$900,000 that was noted earlier. The thought was that such restrooms are the restrooms of the future and now would be the best time to make that shift.

Non-Bond Projects –

Football Stadium Press Box – This project had been approved as part of the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) application in the summer of 2024. The press box is in relatively poor condition and, if not replaced, will become unsafe to use in the near future. The estimated cost of the project is \$250,000. The lead time on a replacement can be as long as six to nine months, depending on how many other similar projects the contractor has underway at the same time. The committee approved moving forward with the project as previously planned, with the goal of having it completed before the start of football season in August 2025.

Auditorium Seating Repair – There are a number of seats in the auditorium that are in need of repair. This includes backs, armrests, seat cushions, and seat springs that move the seat into an upright position when not in use. A vendor has assessed all seats in the auditorium and is currently waiting on more information about seat springs and other parts needed for the older seats, which may not be readily available and may have to be manufactured. The cost of labor to complete the seats is estimated to be between \$4,500 and \$9,000 plus the cost of parts. The project will proceed as soon as a final cost estimate is available.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by William Tollefson