

FACILITY / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

March 17, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll @ 6 pm

Present: Desha Wear, Jane Willenborg, Todd Thoele, Mack Thompson, Vince Rohr, Kelsey Baker, Andy Johnson, Ryan Savage (via zoom), Joe Riassetto (via zoom) and Damien Schlitt (via zoom)

2. Recognition of Visitors and Opportunity for Public Comment - None

3. Facilities

A. Strategic Plan - No comments

I. Provide everyone present with the approved detailed plan.

B. Projects status/presentation from Holland & BLDD via Zoom

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YlRMRYPfK0je94QXvx9Lal5haCpFcUdea5xrDnbXEA/edit?usp=sharing>
- Portable classrooms for Southside
 - Issues with zoning that we are working through
 - Parking is an issue
 - **need to consider adding a parking lot to the Southeast corner of the property this summer if possible**
- BLDD / Holland information
 - Seek bids for replacing ALL parking lots at EHS with asphalt and concrete Summer 2026.
 - **Seek bids for replacing the North Parking lot at Central with asphalt Summer 2025. (confirmed with Damien 3.11.25)**
 - **Seek bids for Central Library Project for summer of 2026.**
 - Seek bids for replacing the parking lot at Sports Complex with asphalt/concrete Summer 2026.
 - Seek bids for Central gym floor renovation and new bleachers for Summer 2026.
- In-house labor projects:
 - West Side Fence
 - West Side School - Northside fence
 - Pond fence project at Central Grade School
 - JH Baseball Field:

- Update the JH Baseball Field to include concrete, bleachers, announcers booth, concession stand, windnet on the fence and new scoreboard.

- Combo work: (Effingham City, BLDD, Holland, U40, Mobile Modular)
 - Mobile Classrooms @ Southside for summer 2025

C. EJHS HVAC issues

- District is currently seeking legal measures to aid with the process of getting solutions and resolving all of the issues that have been encountered over the past several years.

D. Needs

- I. Review the U40 Facilities list compiled from Andy J.

E. Next steps for board of education on facility plan (discussion)

- I. Suggestions and ideas were presented from Mr. Johnson
1. Seek bonds to pay for the projects which would mean unfortunately property tax increases to meet the financial obligations. **(Review the timeline provided)**
 2. Fund balance update for O & M and Education Funds from Kelsey Baker

4. Transportation

- I. Financial Status Update:
- Fund balance update for O & M and Education Funds from Kelsey Baker
 - Kelsey provide explanation on how our Transportation Fund Revenue and Expenditures works (i.e. prorated revenue from State)
- II. Bryan West provided updates on bidding specs and information dealing with bidding to purchase buses in the future rather than lease/purchase as has been carried out for several years at U40. More research needs to be done on this option.

5. Other - None

6. Recommendations from committee for board action at upcoming board meetings

- Look at land and placement of new K-2 Building discussion is needed in the future if a project is to be considered.
- Look at timeline for K-2 Building.
 - Decisions need to be made on a site/facility to be built by the June 2025 board meeting in order to be able to move into this facility in August of 2028.
- Move forward with seeking Anne Noble with Stifel to present to the board at the 3.24.25 board meeting options for funding projects.

- Bryan West to move forward providing the board with information on the potential savings to bid to purchase new buses

7. Adjourn @ 7:20 pm

Date of Minutes: **Monday, March 17, 2025**

Date of Approval: _____

President

Secretary