

Minutes of Facility Committee Meeting

The Board of Education Waunakee Community School District

A Facility Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of Waunakee Community School District was held Wednesday, December 4, 2024, beginning at 7:30 AM in the Waunakee Community School District, 905 Bethel Circle, Waunakee, WI 53597.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ensign called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Ensign, Frey, Heinemann

Also present: Dr. Brown, Summers, Cramer, Jay Thomsen (Vogel Brothers), Rich Stoffels (Vogel Brothers), Scott Bauer, Nicole Lauderdale, and Allie Newton.

III. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Frey, second by Heinemann, to approve the agenda as posted.

Motion carried 3-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS There were no public comments for this meeting.

V. HERITAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A. Final Budget Update

Rich Stoffels provided an update on the final construction costs. Vogel shared information that the final cost came in lower than the maximum guaranteed price. Vogel reconciled a variety of costs including project contingency, allowances, and MEP contracts. The District requested that Vogel hold back funds at Heritage for consideration of a summer 2025 traffic flow project.

Jay Thomsen shared the final construction costs for the HS /District Office projects. Vogel reconciled a variety of costs including project contingency, allowances, and MEP contracts. Administration will continue the discussion with the facility committee with the allocation of project savings.

B. Discussion Regarding Parent Traffic

Summers presented and answered questions regarding the proposals from both Roxanne Johnson (civil engineer) and TADI (traffic engineer) regarding a redesign of the Heritage/Intermediate School site. A motion was made by Heinemann, second by Frey to continue to move forward with this process as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

C. Discussion of Inflation Reduction Act

Summers presented and answered questions regarding the Inflation Reduction Act in relation to the Heritage Elementary School geothermal project. Summers reviewed the current status of the Inflation Reduction Act:

1) Wipfli will be assisting the district in filing a claim for the solar system at Heritage.

- 2) Wipfli will be assisting the district in filing a claim for the solar system at Intermediate.
- 3) The District is finalizing the change order for the middle school prevailing wage requirements for the geothermal system with Vogel.
- 4) A decision needs to be made for the geothermal system for Heritage Elementary.

Administration requested feedback from the committee regarding two options regarding the geothermal system at Heritage:

- 1) Wipfli files a claim for 6% reimbursement of the project costs, with no further district investment
- 2) The District asks Vogel to estimate a change order for the prevailing wage requirements so that a claim for 30% can be submitted. This would require further district investment and would result in IRS penalties/fines for non-compliance with prevailing wage requirements. Heritage will not qualify for prevailing wage requirement exemptions based on the start date of the project.

The committee agreed to have administration move forward with the option to file a claim for 6% reimbursement of the project cost. No action was taken

VI. HIGH SCHOOL/BETHEL CIRCLE PROJECTS

A. Final Budget Update

Jay Thomsen presented on this update during agenda item VA.

VII. NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Summers along with Rich Stoffels presented and answered questions regarding an update on the schedule and finances for the Middle School project.

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

Summers and Cramer presented and answered questions regarding an update on capital projects, and requested consideration of additional projects for districtwide capital maintenance. Summers reviewed the warranty response regarding the lights for the high school fieldhouse. 80 light fixtures are being provided to the District at no cost.

A motion was made by Frey, second by Heinemann, to recommend that the full board consider the additional capital projects, temporarily excluding item #2, installation of nLight control system. Motion carried 3-0.

The committee asked the administration to see if they could get more information before the regular board meeting regarding how the nLight system would be utilized by the physical education classes and other classes that would use the fieldhouse/gymnasium during the school day and what the utility savings would be.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The January meeting will include an update on the discussions regarding the High School Campus project in the future.

X. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Frey, second by Heinemann, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57am. Motion carried 3-0.