

The school board approved a goal last December “to reduce facility capital and deferred maintenance deficiencies by approving an action plan no later than July 2012.” The facilities team was formed shortly thereafter consisting of Phil Norgaard (Board Representative), Mike Horgen (Board Representative), Joe Prom (Director of Business Services), Chuck Stanger (Director of Building & Grounds), Dr. Malone (Superintendent), Mark Lenz (MLA Architects), and Pat Overom (ICS Consulting). Input from staff members was also utilized. The facilities committee met seven times and spent countless hours in study, investigation, and analysis to develop the facilities plan. The school board conducted two work sessions to review the facilities plan.

The facilities plan includes new construction and deferred maintenance (see attachment below). There will be no tax increase associated with the facilities plan because the bond issued in 1993 will be paid off. The levy to fund the new bond for the facilities plan will keep taxes the same.

- New Construction:
 - The new auditorium will include 900 seats to accommodate the public for concerts, theater productions, and other events. The Becker School District enrollment has more than tripled since 1977 when the original auditorium was built. The old auditorium, which has 350 seats, will be refurbished and used for large group instruction, community presentations and smaller theater presentations.
 - The new swimming pool will comply with the MSHSL requirements to host swimming and diving meets. The pool addition will also meet the swimming instruction needs for students and community education classes. The \$2M renovation cost required to upgrade 1977 pool will be avoided. Instead, the old pool area will be repurposed for gymnastics. Moving gymnastics from the middle school gym will create space needed for physical education, and other student instructional programs.
 - Safety improvements are included for the high school parking areas along with adding 244 parking stalls.

- **Deferred Maintenance:** The facilities plan addresses the priority maintenance and repair needs to properly upkeep the existing school facilities. The track and tennis courts will also be replaced. The annual general fund capital budget is insufficient to address major facility needs.

The November 6th ballot will contain three questions:

Question 1: The Facilities Plan – no tax increase

Question 2: \$610 Per Student Operating Referendum to maintain existing programs and services and avoid budget reductions in the spring of 2013.

Question 3: \$125 Per Student to provide all-day-every-day kindergarten for all students.

I recommend authorizing the administration to proceed with preparing the bond and operating referendums.

Becker School District Facilities Plan**New Construction / Renovations:**

AUDITORIUM ADDITION 900 seats	\$6,100,000
POOL ADDITION 8 Lane and Diving Well	\$5,700,000
ADDITIONAL RENOVATIONS Renovate Existing Pool Area for Gymnastics Renovate Existing Theater for Large Group Instruction Sitework Improvements and Parking Lot Expansions Lobby / Expanded Cafeteria	\$4,200,000
<i>Total New Construction / Renovations</i>	\$16,000,000

Deferred Maintenance:

HIGH SCHOOL Parking Lot and Sidewalk Improvements Replace Existing Track Surface Replace Existing Tennis Courts Provide Portable Bleachers for Soccer Fields Correct Moisture Issues at High School Windows Replace Select Sections of Existing Roof Improve Drainage at Select Roof Areas Exterior Tuckpointing and Sealants Provide Additional Interior Signage Replace Existing Student and P.E. Lockers Refinish Existing Wood Gymnasium Floor Replace Existing Gym Bleachers Provide New Domestic Water Heaters For Energy Efficiency Replace Existing Boiler plant with New High-Efficiency Hot Water Plant Replace Existing Phone, PA, and Clock Systems	\$4,200,000
MIDDLE SCHOOL Exterior Tuckpointing and Sealants Repair Middle School - High School Building Link Replace Existing Fieldhouse Floor Provide Additional Storage for Fieldhouse Complete Improvements to Existing Geothermal Heatpump System Update Temperature Controls System	\$1,600,000
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL Exterior Tuckpointing and Sealants Replace Select Sections of Existing Roof Complete Improvements to Existing Boiler Plant Update Temperature Controls System Replace Existing Phone, PA, and Clock Systems	\$850,000
PRIMARY SCHOOL Exterior Sealants Install Thru-Wall Flashing at Exterior Wall to Correct Moisture Issues	\$350,000
<i>Total Deferred Maintenance:</i>	\$7,000,000

Total Referendum Project: \$23,000,000