

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
June 13, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Forum Room, Secondary Building
Crosby, MN

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Special meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Forum Room, Secondary building at 6:00 p.m. on June 13, 2022 with Chair Mike Domin presiding.

Members Present: Mike Domin, Barb Neprud, Tom Nixon, Mary Kuhlmann and Superintendent Jamie Skjeveland. Board members Tommy Sablan and Kim Coughlin were absent.

Chair Domin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approve Agenda-Motion by Nixon, second by Kuhlmann to approve the agenda. All voting aye, and the motion carried.

Approve Memorandum of Agreement with AFSCME and EdMN C-I Relating to COVID Recruitment and Retention Stipend for Summer Educational Programs – Motion by Neprud, second by Nixon to approve two separate Memorandums of Agreement – COVID Recovery and ESY Recruitment and Retention Weekly Stipend; one with AFSCME and one with EdMN C-I relating to educational programs to be facilitated throughout the summer of 2022. *Copy in legal minute book.* All voting aye, and the motion carried.

Planning for Phase IV (Summer 2023) and Phase V (Summer 2024) Referendum Facilities Renovations – What Projects in Each Year - Erica Marcussen, architect with Widseth and Travis Fuechtmann, construction manager with Contegrity Group, lead the Board through a discussion of referendum projects remaining to be completed and outlined a plan that included potential projects for Phase IV (Summer of 2023) and Phase V (Summer of 2024) as well as outlining a proposal to have re-roofing (which is currently a very volatile market) move to Phase VI or VII as the market stabilizes and after the second bond sale. In summary, the following planning consensus was determined:

At CRES, the performance area remains on open item. Replacement of a humming electrical transformer has already been completed. Rather than undergo any sort of major renovation, the space will be updated with new finishes, including house lights in the back stage area. This may also include replacement of flooring in the cafeteria/commons, which might be considered also to be done in conjunction with the gym floor scheduled for Phase V. Funds from any other work in the performance area will be redirected to the early learning area, which is experiencing issues with heating in the winter and other mechanical issues, as well as dealing with inadequate storage and the need to revisit the life skills room which is inefficient in terms of space utilization. Two other special education rooms (the rooms originally constructed as the art room and the science lab) have also been identified as needing some modifications to improve functionality. Finally the soundproof ensemble room in the vestibule to the music room will receive some attention to increase the flexibility of use of the space. Improvements to the main parent drop-off and pick-up at the main entry will also be explored. These items will be considered for Phase IV.

Phase V at CRES will include replacement of the gymnasium floor and miscellaneous gymnasium equipment, a redesign of the loading dock, and remaining interior and exterior items as identified in the facilities evaluation report.

At the secondary building, the initial Phase IV focus was proposed to be on the remaining interior athletic facilities. In order to provide more planning time to arrive at better long-term outcomes, it was agreed that the initial Phase IV will be flipped with the initial Phase V, resulting in the original Phase V items occurring in the summer of 2023 and Phase IV items occurring in the summer of 2024. With that plan decided, the new Phase IV projects were identified as upgrades to the classroom spaces in the 1976 building perimeter to include new carpet, lighting upgrades, paint and new ceiling tile and facility maintenance list upgrades in the 2005 two-story classroom area, including lighting upgrades. Some of the exterior facilities evaluation projects might also be considered. Finally, a process of classroom furniture replacement will be planned and some sort of replacement process (complete or phased) will be developed and commenced.

The new Phase V projects will include potential weight room modifications (too small), and options to expand into the wrestling room or room 310. Individual changing stations, that are not associated with a restroom, have been identified as necessary spaces, so movement of storage from locker rooms to room 310 might be an option to create spaces that will work for changing. There is some minor work to be done in the varsity locker rooms. The focus of Phase V will be what to do to create the best long-term solution (within budget) for Woock Gym renovations. Five different options were presented, which really consolidate into three different plans, ranging from repair of the existing gym floor, to new gym floor using current bleacher configuration, to modification of the current concrete bleacher configuration to move playing court lines away from bleachers and realignment of the main court. Much more study will be needed for each of these plans. The junior high band room was also discussed, including the newly identified need to consider roof joist improvements as part of the re-roofing phase.

The architect and construction manager will start working with school staff in the Phase IV renovation areas starting over the summer of 2022 to learn more about needs and ideas for improvement that will lead to plan development that will be returned to the School Board in the fall of 2022. Phase V plans, especially relating to the high school will continue with ongoing planning taking place.

Board Member Role at High School Graduation Ceremony – The Board members discussed what they would see as their role at future high school graduation ceremonies.

The next regular Board meeting will be June 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Forum Room.

Adjourn-Motion by Neprud, second by Kuhlmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. All voting aye, and the motion carried

Recorded by Wm Tollefson

Mary Kuhlmann, Clerk