

The buildings and grounds committee met in the district office on July 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Tom Nixon and Mike Domin serving as a substitute. Bob Sandin and Maurice Slepica were absent. Jamie Skjeveland, Dale Sova and Bill Tollefson were also present.

Facilities Use Fees - Follow-up from July Board Meeting – The committee reviewed the facility use fee schedule, especially relating to the fee for volleyball versus basketball. The additional fee is charged to cover the added cost associated with setting up the volleyball standards and for the additional wear-and-tear on the volleyball equipment. The fee is only charged to Class II and Class III users, so no fees are charged for use for any school-related functions. The committee suggestion is to leave the fee schedule as it has been.

Potential Tennis Court Project - The committee received information as part of a continuation of discussion started at a finance committee meeting on March 21, 2016. Information was provided regarding the genesis of the initial concept of the need for tennis courts, including mention in the strategic plan survey and follow-up by a request from multiple parents, and the progression to this point. The scope of the project could be multi-faceted, including the additional of four new courts, re-coating the existing courts, updated fencing, outdoor lighting, a bang board and parking and sidewalk improvements. A budget, outlining projected costs for each subcomponent, was prepared by Widseth, Smith, Nolting and provided to the committee. The total cost of all components, combined, was estimated at \$700,000. Financing will be explored in greater detail, should specific components be selected along with an indication to proceed, and could include a combination of lease levy financing, operating capital, long-term facilities maintenance and other funding sources. The committee discussed concerns including concern over building athletic facilities while facing the likelihood of operating budget reductions for 2017-18; where the District is at strategically with other projects, especially the CRES classroom enclosure project; and using all the lease levy authority for athletic facilities and the potential of then not having funds available to fund academic facility improvements. The committee was not prepared to forward a recommendation one way or the other and suggested discussing the project in a full-board setting.

Other Items of Interest

Crow Wing County Reconstruction of 3rd Street – Summer of 2017 – Crow Wing County will be completing a major reconstruction of 3rd Street (the street north of the high school building, running between the high school and the football field/track complex) during the summer of 2017. The County will need a temporary easement to work in the construction area and align new road and sidewalk grades with the adjacent, existing elevations. There will need to be some removal and reinstallation of the District's underground sprinkler system in the area of construction. The project will also include removal of the cinder block building in the southeast corner of the football field/track complex. The parking lot approach on the north end of the high school bus loop will be reconstructed to soften the elevation.

City of Crosby – Re-routed Sewer Main – The City of Crosby is proposing to re-route the sewer main that goes directly under the 1976 portion of the high school. The new sewer main would be proposed to flow from behind the pole barn and to the north, straight to the softball field fence, then through the softball field outfield at a diagonal to 3rd Street near the old railway grade. There will be three sewer structures with manhole covers, with two of those being on school district property. The existing sewer main that runs under the high school will be filled with concrete or sand. The committee discussed other options that might be better for the school, discussed what would happen if there was future building expansion at the high school campus site, and came to consensus that the proposed path would probably be the most workable for all parties. If the City of Crosby wishes to proceed, they will need to be granted an easement for the sewer main. Construction is anticipated prior to the 3rd Street reconstruction project.

Ten Year Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) Plan – The committee reviewed an updated version of the ten year long-term facilities maintenance plan. This plan needs to be approved by the School Board and submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education each year in order to be eligible to obtain LTFM funding. The plan can be modified as necessary and needs to be considered for approval each year, so in the event that actual factors result in a change to the plan, the plan can be modified accordingly. LTFM funding replaces existing Health and Safety funding as well as Deferred Maintenance funding and also provides some level of additional revenue to cover certain long-term facilities maintenance needs. LTFM revenue cannot be used for new construction or for remodeling of existing space, but must be used for major repair of facilities to maintain them as acceptable school buildings. This will free up Operating Capital revenue to be used for new construction and remodeling, as well as equipment purchases, leaving major maintenance projects to be funded under LTFM assuming available resource. The ten year LTFM plan will be included for approval on the agenda for the July regular School Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m...

Respectfully prepared and submitted by William Tollefson