



## FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 21, 2015

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dena Bell, Dirk Danker, Ralph Muehleisen, George Beach, Paul May, Therese O'Neill, George Beach, Paul May, Jamil Bou-Saab, Dane Rankin, Dr. Al Roberts, Lou Anne Johannesson

Not present: Norman Lane, Jim Gates, Denise Sacks

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. *Public Comments:* There are no public comments.
2. *Standing: Approval of Minutes/Review of Action Items:* The minutes from the March 2015 meeting were approved.
3. *Review of VoIP Contract*

Michael Arensdorf presented the final decision that was reached on the VoIP system. He stated that the system will tie all departments, schools and stakeholders together in a communications system. Paging and bells at schools will be part of the system. The schools will no longer have to share a "party line". In the future the boilers and fire alarm systems will also be connected. The bid was awarded to Cisco Systems.

#### 4. Summer Construction

O'Neil reported that the Attorney General's Office sited the district for violations regarding the Hatch exterior ramp located in front of the building. She stated that there was no option but to remedy the situation. She also reported that three other buildings need to be looked into for future problems. She did not specify the buildings.

#### 5. Heating and Cooling System for Nee Administration Building

Sachin Anand, a principal engineer for dbHMS, made lengthy presentation on geo-thermal versus Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF). The initial cost of Geo-Thermal would take decades to provide savings. The committee had a long discussion about the two. The committee voted 6-1 in favor of a recommendation to the board to utilize VRF in the new building.

## 6. Construction Management

Jennifer Costanzo, from STR joined a discussion regarding the hiring of a Project manager versus a General Contractor. Roberts and O'Neil expressed their interest in a Project manager. Costanzo backed that choice primarily based on the fact that without having to proceed with a bidding process, a project manager could begin immediately to ensure meeting the promised construction completion date. The committee members expressed concerns about risk and liability if the district were to hold the different trade contracts for construction. A hearty debate ensued. Roberts will bring all pros and cons to the full board's attention.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting ended at 9:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on May 19, 2015.