



Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) of the Board of Education of District 97 met on
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 Via Zoom
At 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Dirk Danker, Catherine Ward, Darryl Baker, Paul Moore, Chris Rockey, Mark Jolicoeur, Nancy Ross Dribin, Jeanne Keane, Dr. Felicia Starks, Dr. Ushma Shah, Patrick King

Also in attendance: Jennifer Costanzo - STR Partners, Peter Kuhn - Bulley & Andrews

Absent: Holly Spurlock, Nathan Snyder

Chairman Danker called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Approval of Minutes

The FAC committee unanimously approved the minutes from March 21, 2022.

3. Summer 2022 Preliminary Final Budget Summary

Kuhn reviewed the preliminary final budget summary showing total unused allowances and contingency returned to the District in the amount of \$296,242 from the approved BOE budget of \$8,243,929. Discussed long lead time from the early release package of the RTU's that keep getting pushed back from Trane. Tentatively scheduled for installation in late October / November. Current units are still functional till replacement units are installed over a Saturday / Sunday. Cooling startup will take place at a later date.

4. Gender Neutral Bathroom Update

Keane stated that she is in the final stages of securing two \$250,000 grants to cover the majority of this project's costs. Due to the delay in funding it made sense to include this project in the summer 2023 scope since we could potentially complete additional work at Brooks that was delayed from Summer 2022.

5. Summer 2023 Scope Review & Budget

Costanzo presented the potential scope for Summer 2023 Improvements. Bid release 1 in October of 2022 will consist of the following potential projects;

- Brooks -hardscape improvements, electrical system improvements consisting of exterior emergency lighting, fire alarm replacement, interior LED lighting replacement and a security system along with roofing improvements as an alternate bid
- Holmes – roofing improvements
- Longfellow - remaining roofing improvements
- Mann – sewer improvements to address backup flooding

Bid release 2 will consist of the following potential projects;

- Longfellow – facility maintenance improvements consisting of paving replacement, tuckpointing, stair floor finishes, exterior and interior emergency lighting, interior LED lighting replacement, replacing antiquated electrical panelboards and enclosure and replace three multi-zone units and condensing units
- Beye – doors of penthouse classroom on the third floor

- Brooks – Gender Neutral toilet rooms that a student group at Brooks requested resources to research solutions to create a more equitable and inclusive school facility in other locations than the nurse’s office. D97 has secured a state grant to offset the majority of the costs.

Total budget amount approved by BOE in 2019 was \$8,699,168 with potential 2023 scope estimated cost coming in at \$7,753,947. The District will also be receiving a \$500,000 State Grant for the accessible toilet room renovations at Brooks and an additional \$50,000 School maintenance Project Grant. These grants would bring the potential estimated costs for 2023 to \$7,203,947. Keane wanted to clarify that she would be working with the finance dept. and FORC collaborating on the long-term financial projections of the District in light of the new OPTA contract and the upcoming CBA negotiations for 2 additional groups.

A motion was made by a FAC member that recommended that the District proceed for Summer 2023 work bids as presented. The motion was seconded and approved. Two facility advisory committee members abstained from voting as they were not present for the entire discussion on the 2023 scope review and budget.

6. SY22-23 Committee Meeting Plan Dates

Kuhn presented the potential summer 2023 project schedule encompassing bid release 1 and 2 dates, FAC review and potential Board discussion and approval. Keane mentioned a possible FAC meeting on November 28th for phase one and a TBD date for phase two. Keane mentioned that a doodle poll would be sent out in regards to possible dates.

7. OT/PT Equipment Storage Update

Keane shared that the District secured an indoor climate-controlled storage unit at Extra Space Storage in Cicero to solve the unused equipment storage issues in the buildings.

8. Mann Kitchen Renovation Update

At the March 21, 2022 FAC meeting it was requested by the committee to come back with the cost savings if storage was eliminated from Option A. Option A original cost was \$820,000 and option B cost was \$600,000. Eliminating the storage portion in option A would save \$110,000 bringing down the estimated cost of option A to \$710,000. Grant funds would need to be secured to proceed with any of these renovations. Once secured the Mann kitchen renovation update would be brought back to FAC for a recommendation.

9. Committee Member Replacement

Long time committee member Dane Rankin would be stepping down and a replacement is needed. Please send any replacement recommendations to Keane. We will revisit suggestions at the next meeting.

10. Open Discussion

FAC members asked if we would continue holding the meetings at the earlier time of 6:00 pm instead of our normal time of 7:00 pm. Keane stated that the time for today’s meeting was moved to accommodate an attendee for this meeting but would go back to the original 7:00 pm meeting time.

11. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 6:44 pm.