

Colonial School District
District Operations
Facilities Management/Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
12/11/2015 – 7:30 AM

Board Committee Liaison and School Board Member Alan Tabachnick called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

Other Committee Members Present: Kathy Oxberry, Bernie Brady

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Also Attending: Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Superintendent; Terry R. Yemm, Director of Operations; Trevor Jackson, Business Manager; Dave Sherman, Community Relations, Linda Doll, Community Resident

Public Comment on the Agenda: None

An update was provided on the status of the PW renovation. At the present time the project is still running smoothly and on schedule. The steel frame structure is in place and the welding is completed. The roof is installed on the cafeteria and the contractors are now starting work on the window wall. Temporary heating will be used in the new cafeteria now that it's weather tight. This is a critical step in the process as the cold air is affecting the temperature in the corridors. Substantial progress has been made on the construction of the interior offices and the new security room, bank and school store. It is possible that these areas may be able to be occupied prior to the opening of the new cafeteria. There is a concern with the delivery of some of the lights for the cafeteria. If they are not available at the time of opening temporary lights will be installed until the new lights are delivered. Signage has been ordered for the scatter serve area. Mrs. McCoy, Director of Food Services, worked with the students in naming the various stations where the food will be served.

The committee reviewed several different options for the west gymnasium. Those options included: 1) rebuilding the same size gymnasium that currently exists; 2) a larger size gymnasium with seating for 1200 people; 3) a larger size gymnasium with seating for 1200 people that would include a wrestling room, and 4) an option that would seat 1700 people that would also include a wrestling room. The committee agreed that they did not want to pursue building the same size gymnasium that currently exists (option 1). Further information will be provided on the remaining options and discussions regarding same will take place over the next few months. The target date for making a final decision is on or before April 4, 2016. This is the date that the existing alternate expires. The existing alternate was good for 10 months from the date of bid opening and provided guaranteed costs for renovating the existing locker rooms and gymnasium. These costs

were provided in the original bid. It was suggested that this may be a topic for discussion at the Board retreat in the springtime.

An update was provided on the approval process for the Victory Field #2 and baseball complex. The results for the infiltration testing and test borings were similar to the results for the high school renovation project. This was good news as nothing was found out of the ordinary. The engineering design will now continue based upon those results. The committee also reviewed pictures of the vegetation buffer that was installed on the south east corner of the Victory Fields detention basin and on several residents' properties that border the bike path. The initial feedback from the residents was very positive. As provided at previous meetings the current schedule is to start the Victory Field #2 project in late February or early March and the baseball complex project in mid May after the completion of the baseball season.

An update was provided on the proposed upgrades to the public address system at the Colonial Stadium. The district is exploring ways to improve the quality of the system while lowering the volume necessary to achieve that quality. Metropolitan Acoustics performed a preliminary site investigation and based upon their findings they are able to design a sound system that will be adequate for events held in the stadium while keeping the sound level to a minimum at the property lines. While there are no requirements that govern the use of the public address system at the Colonial Stadium the school district is desirous of moving forward with improvements to that system in an effort to be good neighbors to the residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.

A brief update was provided about the annual meeting with the Whitemarsh Foundation. The meeting was held at the farmhouse on the Angus tract. The Foundation is remodeling the farmhouse and a tour of the farmhouse was provided. The goal is to utilize the farmhouse for community use an educational purposes. Further updates will be provided regarding any educational opportunities.

The Facilities Management Department is working on a plan to renovate the auditorium at the Colonial Middle School. Those plans will include replacement of the seats, installation of carpet throughout and a state of the art sound system and lighting system. Progress reports will be provided to the committee at future meetings. In the meantime, minor upgrades will be provided to the lighting system in preparation for the spring programs.

Mr. Yemm provided an update on the status of the facilities use ad hoc committee. It was decided that all topics would be fully vetted and ready for presentation prior to bringing the committee together. Several administrators that are members of the committee felt that this would be a better use of everyone's time rather than having ad hoc committee members involved determining operations with minimal knowledge of policy and procedures. The first topic that will be discussed is tailgating at football games and sporting events. Once the details are worked out for the tailgating procedures, this topic will be presented to the committee for discussion.

Additional Public Comment on the Agenda: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Mr. Tabachnick adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Yemm
Director of Operations