

**MEETING NOTES**  
**FACILITIES COMMITTEE**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**June 3, 2022**

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at the School Service Center, 130 W Park Ave, Wheaton, IL at 8:03 AM on Friday, June 3, 2022.

**PRESENT**

Board Members: Mrs. Chris Crabtree  
Mr. Brad Paulsen

Staff: Dr. Jeff Schuler, Superintendent  
Dr. Brian O’Keeffe, Asst. Superintendent of Business Operations  
Mr. John Robinson III, Director of Facilities  
Mr. Colin Wilkie, Energy Operations Manager

**Discussion of Projected Summer 2023 Capital Projects**

Dr. Schuler noted it was the time to look ahead to prioritize the summer projects for 2023. This timeline for preparing the following summer work has steadily moved up in order to get the work out to bid, ensure materials can be obtained and the projects can be executed.

Dr. Brian O’Keeffe reviewed the capital projects list prepared for summer 2023 and the draft of the proposed project schedule prepared by Legat Architects, which included the following:

- Capital projects list included the following projects: roofing, flooring, paving, HVAC work, ceiling & lights, playgrounds, and LLC renovations.
- Buildings prioritized for work included WNHS, Hawthorne, Longfellow, Sandburg, WWSHS, Lowell, Hubble, Washington, Bower, Johnson, and Whitter.
- Estimated total project costs of \$8,100,000 less Grant/Developer donations for the LLC projects of \$350,000 which amount to an estimated capital projects expense of \$7,750,000.
- This information will be brought to the Board at the upcoming June 15 meeting for approval to proceed.

There was discussion on the following:

- Although bids may be submitted, prices are not always guaranteed due to the cost of materials.
- Request for a simple matrix of what has been done, project-wise for each building.
- The risk of paving numbers increasing.
- Hubble boilers and why they need to be updated.
- When looking at HVAC projects, should look at ceiling and lights work.
- Playground pre-planning meetings have happened for both summer 2023 buildings (Lowell and Bower).
- LLC work – do not have a firm number from the architect as of this meeting.
- The developer/impact fees for the LLC work, as well as the grant coming to Johnson.
- LLC projects are pilots; a playbook for the LLCs is in progress by the architect.
- Request for a Board presentation on the LLC work and space redesign at a future meeting.
- LLC furniture.

## **Review of Updated Enrollment Projections for Each School Site**

Dr. Schuler and Dr. O’Keeffe noted the high-level enrollment projection work done by Dr. John Kasarda. The District contracted with Dr. Kasarda to do enrollment updates due to some new developments in the south end of the District earlier in the year. In the study, student enrollment was projected by grade and by year for each of the Districts’ elementary schools through the school year 2026-27, and for the middle and high schools (and entire District) through 2031-32. A demographic trend & enrollment projections recap, as well as the complete report was provided to the committee.

There was information provided and/or discussion on the following:

- This was the first demographic trend and enrollment projection update since June 2017.
- Overall CUSD 200 enrollment has been decreasing since 2001-02 school year.
- The biggest enrollment drop occurred between September 2019 and September 2020.
- D200 students continue to come from a greater amount of diverse family backgrounds.
- Enrollment projections are provided in three ways:
  - Series A – the minimum number of students that may be anticipated
  - Series B – the most likely number of students to be expected
  - Series C – the maximum number of students that can possibly be foreseen
- The decline of public school enrollment across the country, and the migration from Illinois.
- The number of homes for sale in the area and the number of young families moving into the area.
- Biggest potential changes in the District should the Kasarda projections be realized are on the north side of the District.
- The impact of Naper Commons development on the elementary side, and any potential capacity issues.
- Class size targets – changes from pre-pandemic, this year, and next year.
- Housing turnover in the last year and the potential vulnerability in the enrollment projections.
- Based on these projections, there does not appear to be a building general capacity increase to note for the middle school facilities master plan update.
- The baseline for data – the end of the last calendar year and the beginning of this year. There has been a lot of movement of society in general since then.
- A recap of this will be presented to the full Board at the June meeting.

## **Update on Current Facility Projects**

Dr. Schuler asked Mr. O’Keeffe and Mr. Robinson to provide a summer 2022 work update. This included the following:

- Projects are either launched or staged to launch on Monday (first day after summer break begins).
- There is a compressed sprint to get through the summer work, as there is a narrow window of time to ensure the buildings are ready for the fall.
- Flooring projects require the entire areas to be packed up where flooring is being replaced.
- Playground work has started.
- The facilities team has met with all contractors working this summer.
- To date, there have been no delivery issues with materials needed.
- The amount of capital project work that has been done in the last five years.
- Ceilings and lights work – energy efficient lighting?
- Door work and keying systems – the goal is to get a uniform keying system in our buildings in coming years.
- Review of all projects slated for summer 2022.

- Update on Emerson and Wheaton Sanitary District project – plan for the upcoming weeks, description of the work/process that will be done; new K-2 playground; grass planting schedule; possible bus route location impact at the start of the school year.

**Other:**

- Safety and Security – Bluepoint Alert system – interested in a future conversation on this system. The administration recommended moving this back to the District Safety Committee to look at this.
- Potential future capital projects – football fields will need to be on in the next 3-5 years; high school bleachers and press boxes – will these be looked at?
- Hawthorne – the city of Wheaton is doing paving work in front of the school. Will take care of our parking area in front of the school. Continue to work closely with the cities and the park districts in the District.

**Public Comment**

Harold Lonks – Kasarda report and definition of “diverse family background”.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 AM.