

MEETING NOTES
FACILITIES COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
September 29, 2023

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 1:30 PM on Friday, September 29, 2023, at the School Service Center, 130 W Park Ave, Wheaton, IL.

PRESENT

Board Members: Mr. Brad Paulsen
 Mr. John Rutledge

Staff: Dr. Jeff Schuler, Superintendent
 Dr. Brian O’Keeffe, Asst. Superintendent of Business Operations
 Ms. Erica Loiacono, Director of Community Engagement and Communications
 Mr. Kevin Weisenberger, Director of Facility Services
 Mr. Jordan Thorse, Comptroller/Treasurer

Review Safety Document

Dr. Schuler and Dr. O’Keeffe noted the interest at the Board level and community interest in the visitor ID check systems. There was also a request to look at safety as it relates to the middle school plans.

There was information and discussion on the following:

- The timeline of work done last year on the priorities identified on safety and the federal grant submitted that the district should hear back on within the next month.
- Stepping back and taking a view around safety in the District.
- School safety: the portion related to the Student Services area - connecting with kids, mental health support resources; the portion of safety that has to do with protecting the infrastructure; and safety in the electronic space (protecting networks, systems, and data).
- The security measures the District is actively addressing and those the district is investigating.
- A team has been meeting for nearly a year including key members of departments - identification of short-term and long-term things to address. Each building provided information on each of the pieces of safety in their building and used this to identify the physical things in each of the buildings to address.
- This process took a great deal of time to evaluate and determine what was going to be requested through the federal grant.
- The visitor/guest management systems used at the schools.
- Keyless FOB entries to buildings.
- Immediate fixes vs. future fixes.
- Seeing if the funds come through on the grant, prioritizing the use of grant dollars, and funding other safety projects.
- Understanding the full context - noting all of the physical aspects of safety - all of the different buckets, what has been done, what is targeted next, etc. This will be on an upcoming board agenda.
- One-time safety expenditures vs. recurring expenditures.

Discussion Summer 2024 Project Timelines

Dr. O’Keeffe, the staff, and the architects have been working and prepping the bids for the work identified for the summer of 2024. There was information and discussion on the following:

- The plan is to go out to bid in early November.
- The bids for the work the architects are overseeing are due at the end of November.
- Request to hold the November facilities meeting after the bids have been opened so the committee can review and evaluate them prior to December board approval.
- Request for the HVAC system work (through PSI) to be approved at the November board meeting because of the lag time with equipment that is being seen in the industry.
- The comprehensive HVAC work is targeted for Wiesbrook. Also noted are boilers at Hubble and a cooling system for the Bower gymnasium.
- Presenting the performance contracting delivery model to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Sherman Dergis Follow-Up Conversation

The HR/Policy Committee reviewed the proposed revised Sherman Dergis policy 4:152 and supported the revisions. This proposed policy change will be on the October board agenda as approval to post for public review and comment.

Discussion of November and January Facilities Committee Agenda

Dr. O’Keeffe reviewed the projected agenda topics for the upcoming facilities committee meetings. This included information on the following:

- November - Review PSI data on the three projects targeted for the November Board meeting approval and provide the committee with a community engagement update relative to the middle school plans.
- December - review the summer 2024 bid submissions from Legat Architects; provide a community engagement update; update on the process and timeline for the playground work for summer 2024.
- At the December full board meeting, the final community engagement report will be delivered and the Board will discuss the next steps and hope to be ready to map out a timeline toward a decision.
- January - provide an update on the middle school facility plan.

The committee provided feedback on what they see as the value of doing the middle school project work.

Public Comment

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.