

COMMUNITY AND LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 23, 2022
6:00 p.m. – Mount Horeb High School Professional Learning Community Room
Facility Steering Committee

This meeting served as an engagement session for the community to share their insights and shape the District's long range facility planning needs.

Members present: Carly Fisher, Kristen Karcz, Leah Lipska, John Malecki, Adam Mertz, Jeff Shields, and Steve Salerno

Regrets: Julia Thoe

Volunteer Guests: Nate Andre, Jessica Arrigoni, Darek Faber, Troy Gagner, Curt Garrity, Annie Gillaume-Gantz, Jeff Hanna, Rachael Johnson, Molly Lawry, Randy Little, Cody Lundquist, Lance Maerz, Nic Owen, Teresa Patterson, Diana Rothamer, Dave Reed, Kayla St. Arnauld, Ryan Sands (Bray Architects), Gus Schultz, Marc Schellpfeffer, Sarah Straka, and Matt Wolfert (Bray Architects)

Leah Lipska, Board Clerk, served as interim chair of the committee as the CaLE committee has not held a business meeting since Board reorganization, only engagement sessions.

Matt Wolfert (Bray Architects) and Steve Salerno co-facilitated the evening's discussions.

Review of the Advisory Team's Charge and Expectations

This was provided in advance of the meeting. Among other things, the charge of this advisory team is to:

1. review the data supplied by the community during the most recent survey;
2. study the extensive work of the 2015-16 Facilities Steering Committee;
3. visit site locations to see, firsthand, the proposed work needing consideration; and/or
4. offer a menu of options/recommendations for the BOE's final consideration.

Among other things, this advisory team is *not*:

1. making any decisions about the total scope, final cost, and/or timeline of any work;
2. determining when a capital referendum should, would or could go to the voters;
3. the exclusive team for the Board to gather input about the district's needs; and/or
4. building a plan from scratch. To do so, would negate the work many community members have already offered during our extensive, ongoing planning efforts over the years.

Review Committee Schedule and Process

Save October 10, the following dates and locations were established for our future meetings:

FACILITIES STEERING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location	Preliminary Meeting Topics
Meeting #1 Tuesday August 23, 2022	6:00-7:30 PM	High School Professional Learning Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Committee Welcome & Introductions ▪ Review Charge and Expectations ▪ Review Committee Schedule / Process ▪ Review Spring 2022 Community Survey Results ▪ Review / Discussion – November 8, 2022 Operating Referendum ▪ Review / Discussion – Facilities Needs as Identified in Survey
Meeting #2 Wednesday September 14, 2022	6:00-7:30 PM	Early Learning Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tour Early Learning Center ▪ Review / Discussion – Prioritized List of Facilities Needs All Schools ▪ Review / Discussion – Potential Options for Early Learning Center ▪ Review / Discussion – Preliminary Space Program Early Learning Center
Meeting #3 Monday September 26, 2022	6:00-7:30 PM	Primary Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tour Primary Center ▪ Review / Discussion – Conceptual Site and Floor Plans ▪ Review / Discussion – Preliminary Scope for Community Survey
Meeting #4 Monday October 10, 2022	6:00-7:30 PM	High School Professional Learning Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review / Discussion – Updated Conceptual Site and Floor Plans ▪ Review / Discussion – Final Scope to be included in Community Survey
Meeting #5 Monday October 24, 2022	7:00 PM	Middle School Step Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Committee advisory recommendation to School Board for project(s) to include in Community Survey
Meeting #6 To be determined December 2022		School Perceptions Presentation of Preliminary Survey Results to Joint Meeting of Committee and School Board	

The October 10 meeting will take place at the Middle School for purposes of touring that building.

Review Spring 2022 Community Survey Results

Individuals were asked to review the results of the community survey before coming to this evening's meeting. People were given a few moments to reflect using a $\bigcirc \square \Delta$ activity. What questions are "circling" in your mind; Which 4 ideas that "squared" with your goals? What three projects rose to the top?

After personal reflection, teams met to share out. This took approximately 25 minutes.

Each group elected a spokesperson, who shared out their team's findings. This took approximately 20 minutes.

Review/Discussion – November 8, 2022 Proposed Operating Referendum

Steve Salerno discussed the Board's approval to go to an operational referendum. If a majority of voters approve, the \$4.82 million would be used to do things like:

- permit staff members wage enhancements that are commensurate with the job market;
- chip away at a projected 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 budgetary shortfall;
- maintain some of the student support positions funded with one-time dollars given by the federal government (like a Speech and Language teacher, a Math Interventionist for struggling students, or an additional English Language Learner teacher for the growing population of students attending school whose native language is not English);
- implement a revised student Chromebook Replacement Plan;
- get "back up to speed" with staff members' Computer and Monitor Replacement Plan;
- address major technology infrastructure needs;
- fund an increase in buildings' instructional/supply budgets;
- meet our bus replacement schedule; and
- address escalating utilities costs.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Early Learning Center's Gymnasium/Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted -

Steve Salerno