

Facilities Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Began 5:45 pm

In Attendance: Jennifer Allard, Kelly Firmbach, Megan Brown, Suzanne Guntlow, Michael Brennan, Steven Marotta

Building Conditions Survey Update

The district will be pursuing an abbreviated Building Condition Survey (BCS) to be completed by CS Arch. The decision to complete a shortened/abbreviated BCS because a full-book BCS was the basis for the 2018 capital project and the itemized pricing list included in the full-book BCS would not accurately reflect pricing due to inflation. The district anticipates the BCS process will begin mid-October, with a report filed with SED by spring (March/April) 2023.

Debt Service Overview

The anticipated drop off of the debt service for the previous capital project will occur during the 2026-2027 fiscal school year. In the meantime, the district will utilize cash on hand to reduce the debt. The last two capital projects have had no impact on the local tax share, and the district would like to continue this trend. In the meantime, the district will continue to employ the value engineering of facilities while using funds to update equipment in the cafeteria kitchens.

Capital Project 2.0

Planning for the next capital project will be a continuation of the full BCS from the 2018 capital project and the abbreviated/shortened BCS to be completed by spring 2023. Project planning should be in accordance with the drop in current debt, no impact on the local share, and anticipated completion shortly after the previous project (1-2 years). The district would need to complete RFPs and concept planning by the fall of 2023, with a public vote in the spring of 2024. It was mentioned that this was an ambitious goal, as SED needs to approve the plan before public voting. The district recommends using cash on hand to cover the local share amount, thus minimizing the impact on the local share or taxpayer. The district will continue to be mindful that the scope of work will maximize funding based on the building aid ratio and cause minimal disruption to classroom instruction.

Next Steps

After completing the abbreviated/shortened BCS, updates to the cost estimates and the debt schedule projections will be calculated. In addition, Building Performance Diagnostics (BPD) will determine the aid ceilings, which will be verified with SED. Finally, the facilities committee in

March and use this information to determine the scope of work and fine-tune the project timeline.

Next Meeting: March 2023

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Allard