

Upper Perkiomen School District Facilities Committee
Education Center
2229 E. Buck Road, Pennsburg, PA

March 27, 2019

Welcome to the Facilities Committee meeting of the Upper Perkiomen School District

CHAIR: Melanie Cunningham

MEMBERS:

Raeann Hofkin

Mike Elliott

Ex-Officio: Dr. Kerry Drake, President

Superintendent: Dr. Alexis McGloin

Facilities Director: John Sheeran

We will be passing around a sign-in sheet.
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AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – January 16, 2019 Meeting (Attachment A)
2. Off-Site Project – Barry Isett & Associates
3. New Business

Mission: To provide the board with an accurate description of the condition of all the district facilities and to recommend items and projects that will keep the facilities in optimum condition while maintaining fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers and ensuring a safe, secure learning environment for the staff and students.

In order to assist in keeping an accurate record of the proceeding of this meeting, the meeting is being videotaped by the District.

UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

January 16, 2019

The Facility Committee Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Upper Perkiomen Education Center with the following committee members attending: Melanie Cunningham (chairperson), Mike W. Elliott, and Raeann B. Hofkin. Others in attendance were: Alexis McGloin, EdD., Sandy Kassel, John Sheeran, John Farris, Dan Cicala, and Troy Hill.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mike W. Elliott, seconded by Raeann B. Hofkin, to approve the **minutes from the November 20, 2018 meeting**. Motion carried; all voted aye.

2. PRESENTATION ON 4/5 RENOVATION PROJECT

a. Fidevia & Blackney Hayes Architects

Troy Hill provided and reviewed drawings of the 4/5 renovation.

First he reviewed the outside site showing the placement of the playground and the area where a basketball court (hard surface) will be placed. He indicated there would also be a walkway from the school to the playground.

Ground Floor –

Classrooms - will be painted and cubbies added.

Corridors – lockers will be removed, floor infill put down and the corridors will be painted.

Family Consumer Science - will be converted to a teacher workroom and teachers lunch room with new case work and counter tops.

Gym - will receive a fresh coat of paint on walls and ceiling.

1st Floor –

Classrooms – same as ground floor.

Corridors – same as ground floor.

Library – new carpet, new information desk, new bookcases, and there will also be a media, teaching area.

Administration area – reconfigure to provide a secure entrance.

Flight room – was identified and is connected to the library.

Autistic Support Room – cubbies, new sink, case work, paint, new VCT flooring and adding some sound absorption to the walls.

Sensory Room off the Autistic Room – add sound insulation, new VCT flooring and paint.

Additional discussion occurred on the Flight Room.

Wheel Chair Lift – widen the existing openings to the lift to make it accessible.

Administration area – secure entrance was described. Troy also reviewed the mail room, work room, principal's office, conference rooms, and guidance offices. There will also be some mechanical equipment added to the administration area for air conditioning and heat.

Stairwells – will also be painted.

Dan Cicala from Fidevia reported that there would be no change to the executive summary. Although he showed an earlier version without the playground, the remaining figures would remain the same. He felt the contingencies would cover the additional HVAC and gym and auditorium painting. He said there was no change to the amounts in the preliminary budget.

Questions were raised about the technology in the building for now and in the future. It was noted that currently the middle school had the best technology access in the district and anything that was disrupted would be put back.

Mr. Cicala presented the same estimated time schedule that was proposed in October. He said the district should have final code approval before it went to bid. In order to attract as much competition as possible, the pre-bid meeting, according to Mr. Cicala, would not be required.

Troy Hill reported that an alternate bid would be included for cabinets above the cubbies for teacher storage.

Additional questions were asked about dates and occupancy which were addressed by Dan Cicala.

3. ESCO PROJECT CONSIDERATION

Energy Services Companies –

Sandy Kassel indicated that ESCO was an alternative way to fund capital projects through guaranteed savings which conforms to Act 39/163 of 2016.

The Board was looking for an evaluation of the building systems which can be done through this process. McClure Company did an earlier presentation to the Facilities Committee stating they would do the study at no cost. A sample of their work with Kutztown School District was presented at this meeting. The committee decided to move this concept forward to the full board.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. A question was raised about the walking distance to the 4/5 building. It was reported that this would be addressed at the January workshop meeting with a possible first policy read at the February 14th Board meeting.

2. Question was raised on the field facility use and the condition of the fields and the delayed responses to request for use. How does someone go about making sure the fields are suitable for the use that was requested? Example grass mowed, goal cages accessible.

3. A question was raised about the cost to use the turf fields. It was recommended that the issue be raised with the policy committee first.

4. A question was asked about the continued use of the Indian as our school logo.

Mrs. Hofkin suggested that we have the custodians paint the other areas of the Middle School that are not being addressed by the project over some length of time.

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Mike W. Elliott, seconded by Raeann B. Hofkin, **to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.** Motion carried; all voted aye.