



Monticello Community School District

School Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes of

April 4, 2018

The School Facilities Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, in the Board Room at the District Office at 6:00pm. Those present were: Aimee Hospodarsky, Angie McDonough, Brent Meier, Brian Jaeger, Charlie Becker, Dan Dailey, Deb Keating, Dom Hogan, Jayme Freye, Jeff Hinrichs, John Schlarmann, Jolene Kramer, Judy Hayen, Lisa Stadtmueller, Mary Melchert, Megan Brunscheen, Nick Miller, Renee Adams, and Sheila Tjaden. Roger Worm, Carly Weber, Susan Bowersox, and Vicki Hyland from OPN Architects, Cammie Greif, Brenton Greif, and Board Members Mandy Norton, Dave Melchert, and Craig Stadtmueller were also present. Those absent were: Audrey Savage, Kayla Sperflage, LJ Takes, Ron Welter, Pam Goodyear, Phil Owen, Scott Brighton, and Tim Lambert.

Susan Bowersox, OPN Associate, presented the facility scenario updates and honed in on the estimated construction costs for each of the following:

- New PK-6 Building and 7th & 8th grade addition at High School site
- New PK-8 Building at High School site
- New 5-8 Building/addition at High School site
- PK-4 Addition at High School site
- New PK-4 Building at another site

After about an hour or so of discussion the group decided that our best option is to do this in 2 phases. Phase 1 would be to build a new 5-8 building attached to the high school and then our long term plan or Phase 2 would be the addition of a PK-4 building (attached to the new 5-8 building) at the high school site in the future. The group thought the plan has the biggest impact with the money we have at the current time and place. The group felt with enough information we can get the community behind it. Staff and community will need rationale behind the plan. Carly Weber, OPN Marketing Director, will provide the group with several pieces of information (*elevator* speeches, cheat sheets, etc.) so when questioned we can answer. We need a building that will last and can be proud of.

A couple positives with this plan:

- replacing a 100 year old building (current MS) rather than 60 year old buildings (Shannon & Carpenter)
- will not need to move kids to another building or put them in a portable while the new building is being built
- the land is there, we will not need to purchase any additional land
- share facilities & staff and possible savings
- geothermal is there and can be expanded
- outlined a long term facilities plan, looking to the future
- will save cost of doing nothing

Since July!

- toured each building
- held 10 Committee meetings
- held 2 Community meetings
- we knew we had to address all options for grades PreK-12

- can't afford to do all we want in one step - we've waited too long
- looked at several scenarios (10+)
- have to be fiscally responsible
- keep the bond under \$20 million
- overall the middle school was identified as the top priority

Proposed next steps:

- April 11 – School Board will discuss at their work session
- April 23 – School Board approves plan at their regular meeting
- May 9 – School Board calls for an election at the work session/special meeting
- May 9 – Launch 'Vote Yes' Community Driven Committee
- May 9 – September – Community Outreach
- September 11 – Election

If it were to pass, design work would start in the Fall, bids next Spring, break ground 1 year from now, start building in 15 months, open Fall 2020. A September election aligns nicely with the construction process. If it were to fail we would have to wait 6 months to take it back to voters.

This was a Facilities Committee Meeting no action or voting took place. The meeting concluded at 7:56 pm. Our next meeting date has not been set.

Please encourage those with questions or comments to email us at: facilityquestions@monticello.k12.va.us. The more feedback we can get the better!

If anyone has any questions for OPN at any time, feel free to email them. Their emails are listed below.

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