



Monticello Community School District

School Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes of

February 28, 2018

The School Facilities Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 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, Jeff Hinrichs, John Schlarmann, Judy Hayen, Kayla Sperflage, Lisa Stadtmueller, Mary Melchert, Megan Brunscheen, Nick Miller, Pam Goodyear, Phil Owen, Ron Welter, and Sheila Tjaden. Roger Worm, Carly Weber, Susan Bowersox, and Vicki Hyland from OPN Architects, Jake Conner with Lotus Engineering, Bud Johnson, Board President, Dennis Dirks, Director of Buildings & Grounds, and Jason Neises from the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque were also present. Those absent were: Audrey Savage, Dom Hogan, Jayme Freye, Jolene Kramer, LJ Takes, Renee Adams, Scott Brighton, and Tim Lambert.

Susan Bowersox, OPN Associate, went over their *preliminary* assessments of the High School, the Geothermal System, and the Bus Barn. Overall, they felt that our geothermal is working well and is not too far out of line with other districts after comparing the last 2 years of use. The average lifespan of a geothermal system is 20-25 years. Ours is about 20 years old and will continue to need some maintenance.

The committee discussed the Community Meeting that was held on February 21, 2018. OPN shared some of the major thoughts and concerns from that meeting:

- Decommission middle school
- Traffic & congestion
- Efficiently utilizing resources (staff, land, spaces)
- Sustainability and design
- Get the right plan in place so we can all get behind
- Central campus vs. divided campus
- Age groups at some facilities
- Making sure the option can pass the bond

Then OPN presented 3 different scenarios for our building options.

Scenario A: PK-4 Addition at the Shannon site, a new building for grades 5-8 at the high school site; bus barn at the HS; and to remove Carpenter & the Middle School.

Scenario B: PK-6 Building at the High School or Shannon Site, 7-8 addition to the High School, bus barn at Shannon, and to remove Shannon, Carpenter, and the Middle School.

Scenario C: PK-6 addition at the Shannon site, 7-8 addition at the High School, bus barn at either the high school or Shannon site, and to remove Carpenter and the Middle School.

After much discussion the committee narrowed the options down to the following conceptual ideas:

- Attach a 7/8 addition on to the High School
- Build a PreK-6 building on the High School site
- Remove Shannon Elementary, rebuild a PreK-6 building on the Shannon site
- Remodel Shannon Elementary, add an addition to make a PreK-6 building on the Shannon site
- Buy land and build a PreK-6 building on the new site

This was a Facilities Committee Meeting no action or voting took place. The meeting concluded at 8:20pm. OPN is planning on updating the Board of Education at their Work Session on March 7, 2018 of their work so far. Our next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 6:00pm.

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

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