

## **District-wide Facilities Committee Meeting Thursday, October 26, 2017**

### **Summary**

The sixth meeting of the District-wide Facilities Committee meeting was held on Thursday, October 26, 2017, convening at 3:25 p.m. in Room 170 of the High School, and was attended by 21 committee members, comprised of parents, community members, staff, Board members, and administrators from each building in the District.

Stuart Matthey, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Facilities introduced Ron Edelson, a partner of the Long Island-based PR firm, Zimmerman/Edelson, and Jake Mendlinger, its public relations director; the firm has been engaged by the District to assist in bond-related communications. Mr. Edelson gave the committee an overview of the firm and its experience with similar engagements.

Mr. Matthey then provided an update concerning District-wide installation of air conditioning, and an additional phase-in scenario for the committee to consider: installation of split-unit air conditioning only in those rooms not already outfitted with window units. The cost of that phase-in approach would be approximately \$17 million.

The committee then reviewed once again the pros and cons of split units and central air conditioning (split units are quieter than window units, but not as quiet or efficient as central air conditioning; however, retrofitting central air conditioning in old buildings is prohibitively expensive). The committee also discussed the pros and cons of the phase-in approach: short-term cost savings balanced against the cost that would be borne by the annual budget as window units fail and need to be replaced.

Mr. Matthey asked the committee to review the entire scope of the bond, section by section, and decide if they were ready to provide recommendations on each of the sections. He reviewed the history of how projects were identified, and noted that the original full list of projects totaled more than \$100 million, which was whittled down to the present list totaling about \$35 million. Mr. Matthey noted that the cost estimates have been updated by Park East.

Mr. Matthey noted that the committee can also offer its recommendations on whether the bond proposition should stay in the tax-neutral range, and, if air conditioning is recommended, whether that should be put to the voters in a separate bond proposition or be incorporated into one bond proposition..

**Air Ventilation:** The committee agreed to recommend that air ventilation work, much of which is mandated by state code, be included in the bond (\$12,246,453).

**Roofing:** The committee agreed to recommend that roofing work be included in the bond (\$9,606,885), but asked if prioritization was possible, as the roofing master plan indicated that not all the roofs needed immediate attention. It was noted, however, that a future roof replacement might be too costly for inclusion in an annual budget.

**Boilers and Steam Traps:** The committee recommended that all boiler replacements be included in the bond (transferring those that had been included in an EPC), for an increase of about \$2.5 million but removing steam traps, which have a short, seven-year lifespan, for a decrease of about \$800 thousand. (\$3,431,081 plus about \$1.7 million)\*

*\*These numbers were reviewed and corrected by BBS subsequent to the meeting: \$2.1 million for including all boilers in the bond; \$950 thousand for steam traps, to be removed from the bond, for a net increase to the bond of \$1.15 million*

**Field/Site Work:** The Committee began the conversation on this section, noting safety concerns to be addressed in the work and community use of fields, but did not reach a conclusion.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

*Respectfully submitted.  
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