

Facilities Strategic Planning Meeting No.7
January 17, 2018 4:30 p.m.
Kent County Middle School Media Center

Present: Dr. Jeff Grotzky, Shelley Heller, Joseph Harding, Richard Kalter, Francoise Sullivan, Tracey Williams, Dr. Karen Couch, and Dr. David Lever

Also in attendance: Nathan Shroyer and Trish McGee.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Dr. Grotzky stated the objective to finalize the recommendations that will be presented to the Board of Education in February. Brief discussion and general impressions regarding the Community Input meeting were shared among committee members. The committee felt that valid concerns regarding security were raised at the meeting.

Dr. Lever reviewed the Tier I recommendations, asking committee members to discuss comments received during the Community Input meeting. It was agreed that the focus on \$300,000 for renovation of Worton Elementary could simply be stated as a not-to-exceed figure, since the administration believes the required renovations could be significantly less than \$300,000. The committee also stated that there should be a notation that this would include preparation for the bus depot as well.

The committee considered the recommendations for Rock Hall Elementary. The committee reviewed the benefits of completing targeted renovations and felt strongly that these renovations should be specified as recommended projects in the final report. Therefore, a simple notation should be included that the targeted renovations include the locker rooms, locker alcoves and the former high school shop area, which could be converted into classroom spaces or other uses.

The committee accepted all recommendation as noted for Galena Elementary (building system replacements with targeted renovations) and the Kent County High School roof replacement. It was felt that the cafeteria vestibule at Galena was a safety item and should be included in the base scope, along with the entrance security vestibule. The committee discussed concerns raised during the Community Input meeting concerning security vestibules, especially in light of reported violence in schools. The committee agreed that security vestibules should be standard in all schools. Therefore, security entrances with estimated costs will be included in the final report as Tier I recommendations presented to the Board of Education.

Dr. Lever reviewed the Tier 2 recommendations. After much discussion, the committee elected to include a recommendation that the district undertake an ADA audit of all schools to determine

the scope of work needed to bring schools into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In the section noted Surplus of Facilities, committee members felt the report should also include the operational savings that would be realized when Millington Elementary and the Board of Education offices in Rock Hall were surplus to the County.

Finally, the committee requested changes to the small high school projects (QZAB), noting that a funding source would need to be identified, and that these targeted renovations would improve learning spaces and address safety items at the school.

Mr. Shroyer noted his disappointment in the list of recommendations; however, he acknowledged and thanked the committee for listening to the comments from the community and making some modifications to the list of recommendations. Ms. McGee thanked the committee members for volunteering the many hours it took to complete the list of recommendations that would be shared with the School Board. Dr. Couch also thanked the committee members for their participation.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.