

Avon Grove School District

Board Facilities Committee Minutes

May 17, 2016

Avon Grove Intermediate School – Audion – 6:00 PM

Attendees:

Dr. Marchese	Ed Farina	John Cramp
Dan Carsley	Jeff Billig	Steve Crockett
Matt Crockett	Bonnie Wolff	

Community Members (5) Comments/Questions:

Charlie Beatty – Long Range Plan (Capital Projects)

John Auerbach, Sr. – Long Range Plan

John Auerbach, Jr. – Long Range Plan Document – Penn Dot Project

Donna Dea – Penn Dot Project

1. Penn Dot Project

At the January 12, 2016 Facilities meeting, discussions were held regarding Penn Dot's project for improving the intersection of Rt. 796 and Old Baltimore Pike. At that time, there were 19 stakeholders involved that could possibly contribute to half of the cost with Penn Dot covering the other half. That number has now reduced to eight. With eight stakeholders potentially sharing the cost, the percent that the District would be liable for (if motion is made to move forward) is 19.3% of what Penn Dot does not fund. There is benefit for the District to participate given the fact that any development on the Sunnyside Road property would warrant improvements to the intersection. This would be a costly effort for the District if tackled on their own. No recommendation is being made, just an update on the continuing situation.

2. Penn Township Extension Request – Sunnyside Road Property

The conditional use permit for the District's Sunnyside Road Property is due to expire on July 2, 2016. The District's solicitor has submitted paperwork to the township requesting an extension of the permit for another four years. This extension would expire on July 2, 2020. The township is in the process of reviewing the extension request.

3. Red Cross – Shelter

Historically the Avon Grove high school has been recognized as the Red Cross shelter servicing the area. The Chester County Department of Emergency Services, as well as the Red Cross, are reevaluating those facilities and they are surveying for other potential facilities - one of those being the Avon Grove Intermediate School. There is potential for the Red Cross to approach the District with a contract covering items related to AGI being selected as the new shelter.

4. Long Range Plan

Matt Crockett and the Committee reviewed the long range plan. The first part focused on those capital projects scheduled for the current school year and the status of each. The second part focused on those items projected for the 2016-17 school year and beyond. The Committee agreed to move forward with Version A with a motion to send to the Finance Committee for approval. Version A of the plan includes re-coating of the high school roof.

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Dan Carsley	Patrick Walker
Brian Gaerity	Bonnie Wolff

Community Members (6) Comments/Questions:

Donna Dea – Major Impacts (new positions)

1. Budget Update / Capital Projects

Mr. Carsley gave an update on the 2016-17 budget process which included information pertaining to the capital projects budget. The 2016-17 capital projects total expenditure budget is \$2,390,240 with a \$1,600,000 transfer from the general fund. The District received an allocation of \$2,673,804 for the homestead/farmstead property tax reduction. There are 8,154 approved homestead/farmsteads in the District. This equates to \$329 of tax relief for those enrolled in the program. The total assessment reduction equates to \$11,341. As of May 17, the proposed budget revenue, with use of fund balance, is \$84,925,030. The proposed final budget expenditures are \$87,684,743. The proposed use of fund balance is \$2,759,713. The next budget work session is scheduled for May 31, 2016 with the final budget adoption scheduled for June 9, 2016.

Mr. Beatty raised issue of falling debt payment and the desire to maintain debt level per recommendation of financial advisors previously.

2. Insurance – Pollution Coverage – Drone Coverage

As of June 30, 2016, the District's current insurance carrier will no longer provide coverage for drones. The District is currently seeking quotes for coverage for the one drone currently in use at the high school. The drone is registered with the FAA and protocols are in place for its use.

Mr. Carsley mentioned a discussion with the District's insurance broker centering around pollution insurance. At the time, we are not recommending to purchase the coverage.

3. Chesconet Agreement

The agreement with the District's internet service provider, Chesconet, needs to be signed and submitted so work can move forward. Mr. Carsley is requesting permission to sign the contract and place on the May 26, 2016 Board agenda for Board approval. The Committee agreed to move forward.