

Des Moines Public Schools
Superintendent's Facility Advisory Committee

Meeting date:

February 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Operations Center, 1917 Dean Ave

Members Present:

Joel Doyle
Jeff Hall
Brian Millard
Mahogany Palmer
Jermaine Parkey
Jay Peterson
Brad Titus
Dan Twelmeyer

Members Absent:

Mary Lynne Jones
Ed Linebach

DMPS Staff Present:

Bill Good
Sarah Holland
Jason Allen

Bill Good started the meeting with introductions by the committee and staff. A power point presentation was given which is also included in the committee member's binder for review.

Jason Allen discussed district athletics with the committee and indicated a significant growth in student participation over the last several years. Over 60% of students are participating this school year. An athletic needs assessment has been completed and there are over \$40M in needs, well beyond the capacity next five-year funding. Jason noted a centralized stadium would be the most beneficial to students. He reviewed some of the issues at each high school and how some of these issues are creating extra costs. For example, Roosevelt varsity football pays to play home games at Drake Stadium. Jason also informed the committee of the sports that have the most (soccer, middle school wrestling, cheerleading) and least (football, girls' basketball, girls' softball) growth in recent years. The committee agreed that activities and athletics are an important part of education. Bill noted that we can't afford all the facilities we currently have and that typically large districts share facilities. Jeff Hall questioned how a centralized stadium would reduce costs since the schools would each continue to have practice fields. Bill answered that while there would be facilities at the high schools, they wouldn't be the same type as they are now and would be less costly to maintain and operate.

Bill reviewed recent changes to the current five-year plan. The NE Montessori school is on hold due to budget issues. Other changes include renovating the auditorium at Merrill into a new office and main entrance, holding on projects at Kurtz until the next five-year plan, putting the pedestrian bridge removal at Windsor and Howe on hold.

The Revenue Purpose Statement (RPS) was reviewed and discussed. A copy was distributed to members to include in their binders. The current RPS was approved by voters in 2009 and established the

priorities for how projects would be selected. If the committee wishes to alter the priorities, an updated RPS will need to be taken to the voters. The priorities were reviewed and discussed. Brad Titus suggested we review the needs assessment before deciding if the priorities need to be altered. The needs assessment will be available to the committee at the next meeting. Bill told the committee there are a large number of mechanical system projects on the list; projects that could directly impact energy efficiency and thus impact the general fund. Joel Doyle believes it's important that the committee impact each building in some way during the next five-year plan. Bill agreed and stated that this committee represents all students, not any one school, because they are all equally important.

Items for next time:

- What is the budget for transportation?
 - FY19 Budget Salaries/Benefits – \$ 7.15M This does not factor in workers comp and unemployment. It does include vacant positions.
 - FY19 Non-salary expenditure budget – \$2.51M Includes DART contract, bus repair and maintenance, transportation parts, diesel, etc.
 - PPEL Fund covers \$800K in bus purchases annually.
- Data regarding bell time changes – is it achieving the desired goal?
 - We are monitoring the following on a weekly basis: Average Daily Attendance, 1st Period Average Daily Attendance, and % of students with 0-1 Level 2+ behavior referrals. There is not a significant change in any of these measures when this year is compared with the last two, with the exception of high school ADM and 1st Period ADM. While it is counterintuitive because they are starting later in the morning, our data shows a slight decrease in both measures. We have concluded that this is not really a true measure. We have put new systems in place this year to ensure that attendance is being taken each period of each day, so our data this year is more accurate than it has been in past years. Our system defaults to "Present" if a teacher does not actively mark a student as tardy or absent.
- District budget compared to the \$72M shortage.
 - Reduction of \$72M is over 3 years, so it's \$24M per year of the annual general fund budget. FY19 budgeted General Fund Expenditures are \$443M.
- Needs assessment

Upcoming meeting date and location scheduled:

March 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Operations Center, 1917 Dean Ave.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Holland