

Planning and Building Committee
Minutes
November 29, 2023

Present: G. Perry, S. Albuquerque, T. Groff, R. Hendricks, F. Rothhaus, M. Alukonis and
School Board liaison L. Rothhaus

Also Present: Chief Educational Officer B. Olsen, Business Administrator M. Shevenell, Jordan
and Cinda Guagliumi

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Capital Improvement Plan (C.I.P.)

M. Shevenell reviewed the proposed C.I.P. with the Committee. He said the plan continues the roof replacement schedule but the roofs are inspected every six months in case changes to the schedule are needed. M. Shevenell told the Committee that the High School Gym floor is scheduled for replacement in 2025-26. He indicated that the boilers are old and the District hopes to replace the High School boilers in 2026-27 and the Upper Elementary School Boilers in 2028-29. He said the plan is to replace them before they fail.

M. Shevenell told the Committee that Technology Infrastructure has been put back into the C.I.P. and the District plans to budget funds yearly to keep technology up to date. He also said replacing the football field may be a discussion item discussed when the track is re-done in a few years. M. Shevenell explained that the District is planning to eventually add split air conditioning systems at all the elementary schools.

M. Shevenell told the Committee that new projects added to the C.I.P this year are upgrading the high school locker rooms and replacing the scoreboard on the football field. He mentioned he is hoping a needed new scoreboard might be funded by a donation. He said that the C.I.P. also includes additional cameras and new lock sets to improve safety and security at all schools. He noted that he has applied for a Safe Schools grant to help fund these items.

M. Shevenell said since the School Board had decided to put a new Central Office on the ballot this coming year, re-designing the high school traffic pattern, parking lots and sidewalks has been moved out in the C.I.P.

The only discussion about the proposed C.I.P. was whether or not to include a Performing Arts Center in the plan, possibly 10 or more years out.

S. Albuquerque made a MOTION to recommend the C.I.P. as currently proposed. Second: G. Perry. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

New Central Office Proposal

With help from J. Guagliumi, L. Rothhaus shared a power point presentation about the need for the new Central Office.

R. Hendricks shared a preliminary video of a tour of the current Administration and Special Services office buildings.

During both presentations, members offered corrections to both.

Additional discussion included the need for a clear and thorough explanation of the money issues:

- Residential tax rate went up because the commercial value of the town went down.
- \$6.9 million, 15-year bond.
- Yearly payment will be less than the Middle School bond payment were.
- Cost has increased \$400,000 a year since original proposal in 2013.
- Cost will only go up.

R. Hendricks suggested that the Committee put off meeting with the Ad Hoc Committee until January 10th and have a short (7 – 8 PM) meeting on December 20th to finalize the power point and video presentations.

By consensus, members agreed.

J. Guagliumi offered to help with the videos as needed.

Approval of Prior Minutes

S. Albuquerque made a MOTION to approve the minutes of November 15, 2023. Second: T. Groff. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Rich declared the meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich