Facilities Advisory Committee
October 2015
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Therese O’Neill, Cathy Ward, Dirk Danker, George Beach, Will Leon, Dane Rankin, Jim Gates, Steve Burton, Bob Spatz, Dr. Carol Kelley, Norm Lane, Lou Anne Johannesson

Also in attendance: Jennifer Costanzo from STR Partners

Absent: Paul May

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Public Comments: There are no public comments.

2. Standing: Approval of Minutes/Review of Action Items: The minutes from the September 2015 meeting were approved.

3. Update On Administration Building

Member O’Neill stated that a revised timeline and complete report on the construction site status would be presented to the committee in November. Both STR and Bully and Anderson will make a full report to the Board in December. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony when the construction is completed instead of a ground breaking ceremony. The project site will be shovel ready as of tomorrow, October 21, 2015. Spatz reported that bid #4 involving metal panels will be opened in November. Costanzo stated that the technology bid will be next in line. O’Neill reported that she and several members of the cabinet visited the Merchandise mart to start the process of determining furniture and fixture needs for the new building. Costanzo stated that a rendering is in the process. Spatz stated that the Board Room will eventually be State of the Art in terms of media and technology and capable of broadcasting meetings. However, it will start “smaller” to begin with. Costanzo explained that that is why bids for hard wiring need to
be completed before the technology bid is ready for publication. There was a brief
discussion regarding a separate fund for the soil removal.
O’Neill asked FAC to advise on how much leeway or authority the Administration
should have with “change orders” throughout the building process. A lengthy discussion
occurred. The committee agreed with O’Neill’s assumption that $25,000 should be the
maximum that can be approved, “on the fly” to assure that construction delays do not
occur.

4. Updates on Capital Projects and Summer 2015 ADA Ramps and Concrete Work/Turf

O’Neill reported that the turf projects were close to being completed. Julian will be
completed first and then Brooks. She reported that the summer projects were a success,
and that there are no large projects planned for any of the school for summer 2016.
O’Neill reported that after the 10 year life safety report is finished, there may be
additional CAP-EX projects that will be necessary. The committee asked about a review
of the climate study based on the control rooms and the air conditioning pilot project.
O’Neill promised a meeting with Lane and will present a report to the Board before the
next FAC meeting.

5. Review of District Enrollment, Demographic and Capacity Studies

Costanzo reviewed the capacity table for the full committee. Danker asked if the intent of
the district was to commission a new demographic study. Spatz discussed new residential
construction within Oak Park. He agreed that a new study would be necessary based on
new residential development and other factors. Longfellow and Beye are at capacity. The
group reviewed STR’s previous capacity reports. O’Neill suggested that the work be
continued by the previous firm contracted to study enrollment. The committee agreed.
She also stated that if enlargement or reconstruction of schools would need to be done to
accommodate the 2016-17 school year’s enrollment, a decision based on that data would
need to be made as soon as possible for budgetary reasons.

The next regular meeting will occur November 17, 2015.

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM