

Finance Buildings and Grounds
Subcommittee Meeting
April 18, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Kenny Hassinger, Sylvan Hershey, Carrie Soliday-Chairperson and Carlos Wampler

Administrators Present: Wayne Crosby, Tom Fortnum, Brad Hunt, Jason Perrin and Andrew Robinson

Faculty Present: Beth Persinger

Other People Present: Tim Woodward, Deb Adamik, Charles Gable, Becca Fissel, Nancy Kramer and Nancie Gudmestad

1. Gettysburg Borough/Main St. Gettysburg (Parking Proposal) - Charles Gable, Gettysburg Borough Manager, discussed a proposal from the Borough regarding the Lincoln Elementary School/Schoolhouse Alley parking lot. The borough would like to partner with the district to ensure the success of the Main Street Gettysburg Baltimore Street Revitalization project by using about 83 parking spaces in that lot. Gable said that they were before the subcommittee to start the discussion with the District.

Deb Adamik with Baltimore Street Revitalization gave a presentation on Main Street Gettysburg overview and the revitalization of Baltimore Street. She said this is a pivotal partnership with the school district for parking downtown. Ms. Adamik said that some parking spaces on Baltimore Street would need to be eliminated to bump out the sidewalk, therefore, the need is greater to utilize the Lincoln Elementary School/Schoolhouse Alley parking lot.

Mr. Gable said one of the objectives in addition to safety is the concept of multi-modal transportation. The focus on public transit, biking, etc. would create a walkable community. It would also create a system of parking lots where people get out and walk into town. The Lincoln Elementary School/Schoolhouse Alley parking lot has 83 parking spots and they are full on a nice day. There are also plans for a public transit stop near Mr. G's. The borough was asked to present two proposals; one revenue generating and one non-revenue generating. The administration will review the two proposals and correspond with the borough after they have reviewed them.

Board member Kenny Hassinger inquired if someone didn't want to pay the parking fee, would they encroach upon the rest of the Lincoln Elementary parking lot so they can park for free?

The borough said like their parking proposal with the county, the borough would patrol the lot for the school district and would post the additional signage required in that area.

Board vice president Carrie Soliday inquired about the price of parking. She said the cost is approximately .75 cents an hour. Dr. Soliday said that district officials would like to have additional conversations, especially in regards to the safety piece.

Mr. Fortnum, Mr. Crosby, Dr. Perrin, Mr. Hershey and Mr. Wampler will review the parking lot proposals and will correspond with the borough.

2. Five-Year Capital Plan Funding - High School/Lincoln Elementary HVAC - Mr. Crosby discussed the 5 Year Capital Plan which currently projects the High School Major Mechanical/Electrical/HVAC/Other Renovation project taking place in the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The selection process to find an engineering firm for engineering and design is currently planned to begin in June 2020, according to Mr. Crosby. The project is not currently funded in the 5 Year Capital Plan, but would be funded through future borrowing. The Committee discussed transferring \$450,000 in additional funds from the General Fund during the 2018-19 fiscal year to support this project.

Mr. Crosby discussed moving the project up one fiscal year to 2021-22. By 2021, \$1.5 million would be set aside for these projects and then \$300,000 set aside every budget year thereafter until the project beings.

The engineering firm selection process would move up to begin this June, Mr. Crosby proposed. The request is being made based on increasing failures the District is experiencing with the core systems at the High School. The original projected date of construction would have put the equipment at a minimum of 25 years old. The current system was designed and manufactured for a 20-year life cycle. The administration is increasingly concerned that continued spending for repairs/replacements required to keep the old system operational until 2022-2023, would simply be wasting money. By moving the project up at least a year, the District would avoid even more costs of replacing failures just to keep the current system working until ultimately replaced.

Mr. Crosby said that dedicating the additional \$450,000 toward this project would provide more flexibility in the timing and management of the project. Mr. Hunt said this will create a significant improvement in the District's ability to cover additional debt service cost until the existing debt is paid off in 2027.

3. Other - None.