October 29, 2019

Dear Community Facility Advisory Committee Member,

I am writing you today to provide you with an update of where our work as a committee currently stands along with some updates. I appreciate the input that everyone has provided; I hope that it is been as valuable for you as it has for me. Up to this point, we have met as a group six times and covered many of the variables that go into school district capital funding including: School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP), Capital Levies, Bonds, impact fees and how these relate to small capital projects, and ongoing school facility maintenance. We have also toured new and remodeled facilities in Monroe as well as our buildings. From this information, each of you have likely developed some of your own thoughts of how to address the communities’ school district buildings.

To recap, at our last meeting, October 17, 2019, Kirk Pawlowski and Heidi Hansen went through a PowerPoint that is attached for those of you that did not make the meeting. When we concluded our meeting on the 17th we essentially left agreeing to look at the different scenarios that were discussed and cost them out. In summary, the four scenarios are:

1) Address immediate needs: What needs immediate attention with completion in the next 1-2 years, would be financed with a Capital Levy (Bus barn, student safety, science lab space or other.....).
2) Address short-term/mid-term (3-5 or 5-10 year plan) needs: What is next in the short or mid-term that can be accomplished with strategic payment schedules for ongoing projects and building systems replacements
3) Address major capital projects: significant renovation(s) and/or addition(s) to space(s)
4) Replace schools: significant cost

Additional scenarios could emerge, but, for the sake of moving our work and discussion to the next step, the four listed was our ending focus at the last meeting.

The plan for the next meeting is to look at what each of these four scenarios might cost as another piece of information to consider. We will also need to begin to come to some consensus as a group as to what will be presented to the board that we can support. Ultimately, it is the school board’s responsibility to sign off on the plan or refine the details and move forward.

Cassie recently put out a poll to schedule a date for our next meeting. I am fine meeting on any of the dates listed but I feel strongly that we are at a point in this process where we need to hear the voice of everyone on the committee. Your thoughts are important and the work we are doing together is important for the upkeep and desirability of this school district and community. As we have evaluated the dates, there doesn’t seem to be one date that works for everyone or at least 95% of the group.

Can you attend a CFAC meeting on 11/14/2019 at 6:00 pm?

Thank you for your continued participation,
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