

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

N4021 County Rd. E, Freedom WI 54130-7593 920/788-7944
6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening, January 25, 2017

At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening, January 25, 2017, in the High School Lecture Hall the Board of Education called to order a special Board meeting.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Present: Mr. Tom Harke, Mr. Steve Garvey, Mr. Gary Schumacher, Mr. Kevin VerVoort, Mr. George VanWychen, Mr. Al Tiedt, Mr. Kevin Schuh

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Van Wychen with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.

III OPEN FLOOR PERIOD: None

IV ACTION ITEMS:

A OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review, listen, seek input, and discuss Somerville Architects and Engineers initial high-level conceptual drawings along with preliminary budget considerations associated with the facilities information sought by Freedom Facilities Advisory Committee Members, District Administration, and Freedom Area School District Board of Education Members:

Mr. Kilstofte presented the evening's agenda and reviewed each of the steps the advisory committee and District have taken so far in the facilities initiative. At the December 7, 2016, Board Meeting the advisory committee asked the Board of Education to continue to move forward on the initiative. After several potential facilities options were openly discussed, the advisory committee collectively asked the Board of Education to consider working with an architectural firm in initially creating conceptual plans that focused on potential grade realignment, building a new high school facility, along with remodeling and/or upgrading portions of the existing Freedom Elementary School and the current Freedom High School/Freedom Middle School complex. The Board members and administration then asked Somerville to continue with Phase #1 of the facilities study which included the conceptual plans, explorations of programs, schematic designs, and preliminary budget considerations.

Melanie Parma, Senior Architectural Designer from Somerville Architects and Engineers of Green Bay, presented their initial concept drawings and plans. Melanie stated that these were just preliminary plans to give a baseline to start with. Grade realignment would include the Elementary School handling grades Pre-K through 3rd Grade, the Intermediate/Middle School (existing Middle School/High School) handling 4th Grade through 8th Grade and the High School (new facility) handling 9th Grade through 12th Grade.

The Elementary School would be remodeled and renovated. Each grade would have five classrooms plus a resource area. Additional restrooms would be added. Relocation of Pre-K and Kindergarten to the first floor would happen along with adding a conference room and professional development area, relocating Guidance, Title I and Reading to the first floor and upgrading safety and security at the front entrance. An area was also presented as a place to possibly offer wrap-around daycare in the future.

At the Intermediate/Middle School complex each grade, 4th through 8th, would again have five classrooms per grade along with a resource area. Special Education would also have specific classrooms and a resource area. A new lunchroom/commons area would be constructed on the main level of the school, and the current lunchroom would be turned into an all purpose area. Safety and security would also be upgraded at the front entrance.

The High School concept plan would include multiple classroom spaces for each Math, English, Social Studies, Science, Foreign Language, and Business Education, FACE and Art. Tech Education (Agriculture, Auto Body, Woods, Metal and STEM) would have a separate large area with exterior access along with being located toward the front of the school. Band and Choir would have their own separate spaces connected to the auditorium and near the gym. There would be a field house/fitness center with exterior access for easy community access. The Special Education area would have four classrooms along with a life skills area. There would be break out spaces throughout the school. The kitchen and commons/multipurpose area would be located toward the front of the school. Again, there would be a secure entrance with a community room/board room and district office off the front of the school. The high school would have a capacity for 650 students and be approximately 235,000 square feet.

Mr. Kilstofte explained how the Board of Education and advisory committee did building tours of Clintonville, Wrightstown and Fox Valley Lutheran High Schools in early January to garner additional ideas. He asked those there from the advisory committee what they liked and disliked. Comments were they liked the openness of the hallways, the bright & welcoming, spacious commons areas.

Mr. Kilstofte then went on to ask meeting attendees to provide Board members with honest input, direction, and/or guidance on what the group collectively felt should be the Board's next step in the facilities process. Discussion was then held and some comments were:

- Elementary School needs classrooms with windows adding some light
- Elementary School gym small, lack of gym space District wide
- Elementary School drop off and pick up system for students/buses needs improving
- With the new high school, traffic on N is going to be worse than it already is. Intersection on N & E a dangerous intersection with both schools on that road- will be causing additional traffic (Mr. Kilstofte already has met and is working with the County on this)
- Flexible spaces to use, break out spaces, testing/computer areas/flexible work spaces
- Aquatic Center wanted – Not in program as of now because of cost. Suggest doing a survey to see if the community would want and support an aquatic center.
- What is timeframe for building/remodeling/upgrading – After Board and Freedom Facilities Advisory Committee gather enough input from community, it could be put up for referendum by November 2017.
- Need to visit more schools for ideas
- We need to remain competitive

Melanie, Somerville Sr. Architectural Designer, stated that the next step would be to start looking at a more detailed level of plans along with possible future considerations. The Board needs to look at if they want to bring in a Construction Manager. She suggested gathering input from visioning sessions with level teams put together for each school. Mr. Kilstofte stated he will send out a message to the entire school district along with placing an ad in the paper asking for people to volunteer on the specific level teams for the Elementary, Middle and High Schools. A leader will be needed for each team.

Discussion continued and it was decided to tour Bay Port and Ashwaubenon High Schools on Wednesday, February 8th leaving the District by bus at 5:00 p.m.

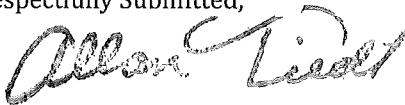
B NEW BUSINESS: None

V ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT KNOWN OR REASONABLY ANTICIPATED: None

VI MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:45 p.m. was made by Mr. Tiedt with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried.

This is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not considered a public community meeting. There is time for public participation at the meeting during "open floor period" as indicated in the agenda. *Upon request to the District Administrator submitted 24 hours in advance, the district shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Allan Tiedt, Clerk