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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Facilities Steering Committee
RE: Report from Meeting of November 2, 2015
DATE: November 13, 2015

Construction Update

The FSC meeting on Monday, November 2, 2015, began with a construction update. Craig Danneger of Pepper Construction presented information about construction progress including foundation work, steel erection, and cement pouring. He showed pictures of the project including the large portion of the north access road that was opened on the first night of parent-teacher conferences. The opening of the access road provides substantial additional parking for District employees and visitors. Craig also reviewed the upcoming schedule (see report accompanying Superintendent's Letter on BoardDocs), and information about Bid Package 8A which will be opened on November 19 for millwork and wood flooring, estimated to be approximately \$1.5M total. Recommendations for final bids (including alternates) for BP 8 and BP 8A will be presented to the Board for approval at the December Board meeting.

Five Year Facilities Plan

The spreadsheet containing the five year facilities plan was provided to the Steering Committee (updated since the last Board meeting, and provided to the Board in the next agenda item on BoardDocs). Steve Cashman, Steve Linke, and Dave Conway showed floor plans highlighting the areas for renovation over the next four summers. The FSC reviewed memos and other Board materials which showed the progress of the committee's thinking about renovations and detailing which projects would be included in the west-side construction project and which would not. An item presented at a Board meeting in December 2013 showed a Life-Health Safety survey and long range plans for maintenance and renovations. This planning work was done prior to the Board's decision to proceed with a large construction project, but it shows the ongoing needs for maintenance and renovation that will always be part of the older buildings' upkeep on both campuses. The most recent such project was the ADA work done on both campuses in the gyms and auditoriums. In recent years, renovations to the B Building at Northfield, and numerous

projects at Winnetka – the nurses’ office, Post-High-School Counseling offices, and locker rooms, for example – were implemented, and were funded using Life-Safety bonds, debt service, and operating funds.

In reviewing the plan presented to the Board at the October meeting and the discussion at that point, the Committee discussed the idea of presenting a long range plan, but seeking approval on a year-by-year basis for projects that will be done the following summer. Financing will be done through the debt service fund, operating funds, and NTTEC revenue, including Life Safety bonds when appropriate. No increases in the tax rate will occur as a result of doing these projects, and no referendum will be necessary.

This discussion is reflected in the cover memo accompanying Agenda Item VI.E., Summer 2016 Maintenance and Renovation Projects. At the November Board meeting, the Board will be asked to approve a Resolution calling for a public hearing regarding the sale of Life Safety bonds; approve projects to be completed in summer 2016; and approve a contract for the Cashman Stahler Group for architectural services for these projects. A funding proposal for the summer 2016 maintenance and renovations work will be presented to the Board in January, and involves issuance of debt certificates in anticipation of revenue through the NTTEC fund.

The Facilities Steering Committee will be happy to answer questions about any of these topics, most of which are covered in subsequent agenda items.