

**District's Facilities Review Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**November 27, 2012**

**Committee Members Present:** Paul Briseno, Tom Drees, Patrick Lowry, Nick Schwien, Josh Waddell, Brian Weimer, Tammy Wellbrock, Aaron White, Bryce Young, Darren Schumacher, Greg Schwartz and James Leiker

**USD Administration Present:** Dr. Will Roth, Richard Cain

**Absent:** Todd Powell

To briefly educate the committee on the scope of present day and projected facility needs, Dr. Will Roth summarized with a breakdown as such:

- a. Elementary Schools
  - i. Currently all buildings are full with no vacant rooms.
  - ii. Next year, will need to open two more classrooms, which may need to be located in mobile units or an early childhood room may have to be moved to the high school (however, the high school has space concerns).
  - iii. Two of the schools are inefficient both physically and educationally. There are 100 and 150 students in these buildings and each need facility upgrades due to being oldest in age.
  - iv. None of the Elementary Schools offer storm shelters
- b. Secondary Schools
  - i. While meeting most of today's needs, the Middle School will need a cafeteria expansion in the near future.
  - ii. The High School is the "newest" building, although it was built decades ago
    - 1. HHS does not house a Performing Arts Center, with the Auditorium on 12<sup>th</sup> Street needing repaired.
    - 2. Currently the building is nearly full with 800 students (without adding elementary school rooms) although 3-5 year projected growth shows 1100 students attending.
    - 3. While not the primary focus of the committee, it was important to note the high school facilities do not match the standards of other 5A schools in the state.
- c. Other
  - i. Board Offices
    - 1. While located in the "old high school" currently, the 3-level building is far bigger than what Administration Offices needs.
    - 2. Previous studies have proven the building would not meet elementary school building standards.
    - 3.
  - ii. Maintenance Warehouse
    - 1. Having a central location to store necessary items would aid with overall efficiency and cost savings

The ultimate deliverable expected from this committee is to provide a recommendation for immediate and long-term strategies to resolve/address facility needs. In order to accomplish this task, several goals and procedural steps were created.

- a. The committee selected Pat Lowry and Bryce Young to serve as Co-Chairs.
- b. It was established this committee would research and educate on all aspects from the “beginning,” thus avoiding any perception the committee was simply established to approve the Board of Education’s original recommendation
- c. The committee wants input from all impacted factions, including site councils, home and school associations, USD 489 staff and faculty, parents, etc.
- d. USD 489 staff will create a webpage linked to the USD 489 main webpage and all school webpages. Upon creation of the webpage it will be sent out via email to the committee for comment prior to launching webpage.
- e. Our efforts will be as transparent as possible, with meeting minutes posted on the web along with other interactive means of creating community conversation and awareness.
- f. The committee requested the following information to review:
  - i. Overview of USD Budget (General Fund, Capital Outlay Fund, etc.);
  - ii. Peer district comparison (fiscal, test scores, enrollment numbers) initially focused on 5A schools;
  - iii. Executive Summary provided to BOE from Docking Institute;
  - iv. HTK Architect’s facilities master plan, bond scenarios, studies, recommendations and supporting material; and
  - v. Any other support material pertinent to facilitate the committees.

The short-term goal is to review all prepared materials before the next Committee meeting, scheduled for **7 a.m., Tuesday, December 11** at the Board Room inside the Rockwell Administration Building.