

**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
PARKSIDE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2011, 10:30 A.M.**

Present: Simon Kampwerth, Jyll Leonatti, C.G. Pillai

Others Present: Jake Been, Ed Kiger, Mark Cross

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Simon Kampwerth at 10:33 a.m.

- Mr. Cross and Mr. Kiger from R.L. Millies explained concerns with the Parkside gym climate control system. This is being reviewed with Johnson Controls.
- The committee worked with the architect on various suggestions and proposals to design the projects that were approved for Northview and Washington Schools under the Energy Efficiency Grant, which was awarded to the district last spring. These funds must be utilized or returned to the state by April of 2013.
- The committee made several decisions regarding the design of the vestibule at Northview Elementary, lighting controls at both Northview and Washington and the boiler system at Northview Elementary. These items will later be presented to the Board of Education, after the architect completes the next design phase.
- Mr. Cross also reviewed recent concerns with electrical and plumbing issues at Washington School. A significant number of items have surfaced in recent months and Mr. Cross and Mr. Been both indicated that there will be very significant costs required to maintain Washington for the coming years.
- Mr. Kampwerth stated that Washington will also likely incur significant costs related to the upcoming 10 Year Health and Life Safety Survey, scheduled to be completed in 2013. This survey will likely take into account additional high cost items such as the water leakage in the basement, any roofing or tuck pointing issues, a room on the east side that has settled and shifted, plaster repair work, ADA compliance and other items in addition to existing plumbing and electrical concerns.
- Mr. Cross reminded the committee that there is a possibility that the district could receive the Capital Development Board Grant for which the district has an active application from FY03. This money is intended to be utilized for school construction purposes. With Parkside construction completed, funds from this grant could be used for items such as matching funds from the Energy Efficiency Grant, as well as doing major renovation work at Washington School. At this time, there is no certainty of grant funding, or a dollar amount.
- Mr. Cross and the committee also discussed the amount of funds the district would want to invest long-term in Washington School. This discussion included the possibility of replacing Washington School in the future if (1) it is cost-prohibitive to complete any necessary renovation work on an aging building, and (2) there are funds available to finance the replacement. It was emphasized that future decisions have to be largely based on what is best for the local taxpayers and the long-term feasibility of the district's facility program.

- Mr. Been suggested that the committee and Board consider conducting a master facility planning process, which would include an educational adequacy analysis and a physical facility assessment at both Northview and Washington Schools. The committee discussed that while there is likely a significant cost to complete this study, it could be extremely helpful in making decisions on how best to utilize district and potential grant funds in the coming months and years. Mr. Been will provide Mr. Cross with a proposal, which can then be considered by the Board of Education at the September 21, 2011 meeting.

The committee adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Committee Chairperson

Superintendent