

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting – October 28, 2023

The Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education met in special session in the Grandview Heights High School Media Center.

Call to Order: President Emily Gephart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call	Members Present:	Members Absent:
	Eric Bode	
	Emily Gephart	
	Kevin Gusé	
	Katie Matney	
	Molly Wassmuth	

Discussion Topic – Stevenson Elementary Master Planning

The Board of Education met to discuss master planning for Stevenson Elementary.

- Architect Steve Turckes from Perkins & Will presented 4 master planning options for Stevenson Elementary, based on the feedback from the Stevenson Elementary Master Planning Committee’s 3 day-long educational visioning sessions recently completed.
 - Option 1 – Renovation of Stevenson Elementary
 - Option 2 – Construction of new 2 story
 - Option 3 – Construction of new 2 story with alternate floor plan
 - Option 4 – Construction of new 3 story
- Estimated construction costs from Concord Addis were also reviewed.
 - Doug Addis explained the cost per square footage is significantly higher than when the district started the 4-12 construction project in 2018 due to unprecedented post-COVID construction inflation, and due to the high construction demand in Central Ohio over the next 5-10 years (e.g. Intel, Ohio State, John Glenn Airport, etc...)
- Mr. Bode explained that the estimated costs were much higher than he had expected. He explained that to build an elementary school for 400 students, the Ohio Facility Construction Commission would budget about \$18 million. Mr. Turckes explained the following differences between the OFCC model and the programming completed by the Stevenson master planning committee:
 - OFCC has 4 fewer core classrooms
 - OFCC has no Spanish Classroom
 - OFCC has no extended learning areas or small group collaboration areas
 - OFCC has no intervention, sensory or gifted rooms
 - OFCC has one area for instructional storage vs. one area per grade level
 - OFCC has a smaller gym

Board members also discussed their belief that the quality of Stevenson should be the same level as the recently completed 4-12 facilities.

- Overall consensus was reached on the following:
 - The Board is committed to building on the current site on which Stevenson Elementary exists. Extensive conversations have occurred with City officials to determine if alternate sites exist and there are no alternatives.
 - The Board agrees that new construction is preferable to a renovation because of the limitations that exist in the current facility. The desire is to maintain the character/aesthetic of the original building; however, that is subject to budget limitations.
 - Conceptually, the Board believes that combining Stevenson Elementary with improvements to the athletic complex is preferred; however, cost will ultimately be a factor in a final determination.
 - The Board agrees that the preferred method for swing space would be modular classrooms situated in front of Larson Middle School such that the entire K-3 grade band of students could be housed together during the anticipated year they are displaced during construction.
- Next Steps – The Board agreed on the following next steps:
 - Engage the GH Planning Commission to determine whether any issues exist in the options presented.
 - Revisit the program to determine if additional square footage could be cut to save money.
 - Follow-up with tentative Board Work Session – November 30, 2023
 - Community meeting and survey
 - Gather levy research data
 - Assemble financial advisory committee to help determine scope and funding.
 - Formulate a timeline for a possible November, 2024 levy.

Adjournment

Motion 24-026 (Adjourn) Ms. Wassmuth moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Matney seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Bode, aye; Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye; Mrs. Matney, aye; Ms. Wassmuth, aye.

President Gephart declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer