

GETTING THE WORD OUT

While the calendar may say that it is only January, P.A.S.S. (People Advocating Superior Schools) has been quite busy this month in getting the word out about our upcoming bond issue in May 2006. This is actually the second wave of meetings throughout the district designed to inform as many residents as possible about the proposed building program. The first wave occurred back in the summer and fall of 2005, when meetings were held at each of our elementary schools. During the month of January, PASS has again conducted meetings in each of our three attendance areas. Instead of meeting in each of our present elementary centers, these meetings were held at the Jefferson Township Community Center in Blue Creek, Southern Brush Creek Township Community Center in Sinking Spring, and the CCCU Fellowship Hall in Winchester.

These meetings are all designed to share with you the very latest information that we have from Columbus regarding our proposed project. This includes any upgrades that may have taken place with respect to any aspect of the project. Keeping people informed is a top priority. We are also very much interested in the feedback that we get from those in attendance at these meetings. We have already received a couple of good ideas through this process, which we will utilize at the appropriate times down the road.

Let's briefly review a couple of the major points concerning our proposed Master Plan for school facilities.

1. This project will be coordinated through the OSFC's (Ohio School Facilities Commission) CFAP program. CFAP stands for Classroom Facilities Assistance

Program. As a CFAP project, all buildings that house students are involved in the District's Master Plan. Thus, no money from this project can be spent on the bus garage or the central office.

2. Our state/local share or match has remained constant. Any portion of this project associated with the OSDM (Ohio School Design Manual) and fundable through the state/local match will be paid for with 93% funding from the state and 7% local funding. In other words, 93 cents of every dollar's worth of construction/renovation work under the OSDM will come from the state, while 7 cents will be raised locally. Keep in mind that over ten years ago, 100% of the bond issue to build our high schools, or \$44,000,000.00, came from the local school district's taxpayers.

More information about item #2, LFI's (Locally Funded Initiatives), and the millage required for our local share of this project will be discussed in my next article. You will recall that my last article focused on the work to be done at each of the three high school buildings. In that article, I shared with you that the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) contracted with Freytag & Associates, an independent architectural firm from the central Ohio area, to conduct an assessment of our school facilities. This assessment also included the CTC. The purpose was to compare our current school facilities to the standards established and set forth in the Ohio School Design Manual (OSDM). I will spend the remainder of this week's article sharing with you the renovation work that is scheduled to be done at the career and technical (CTC) facility, as outlined by the OSDM and the OSFC.

The Ohio Valley Career & Technical Center was completed in 1977 as the Ohio Valley Vocational School. This building serves between 300 and 350 students each year.

Although the building is sound and has been well maintained, there have been several changes to building codes since the building was designed. There are several undesirable conditions that one would expect to see in a building that is nearly 30 years old. The following is a partial list of the major improvements that have been outlined by the OSFC for the Career and technical Center.

Heating System

The heating system is a fuel oil, hot water piped system and is original to the building. Heat pump units were replaced in 1996, the boilers and temperature controls were replaced in 2001.

The fully ducted system required by the OSDM will provide for a more efficient system and a healthier environment for our students.

The current system does not provide sufficient fresh air to the building. Some spaces do not have individual temperature controls.

Roofing

The roof system is a spray foam polyurethane system installed in 2000 over the original built-up roof on rigid insulation.

The foam roofing system requires replacement to meet OSDM guidelines for system type.

Ventilation / Air Conditioning

The ventilation / air conditioning system is covered under item A.

Electrical Systems

The electrical system is original to the The new electrical system

building. The present system does not will provide sufficient allow for an adequate number of capacity to serve the needs electrical receptacles in each area of the students at this facility and is not sized to support the well into the future. Surge required HVAC system upgrades. The and lightning suppression age and design of the electrical will be included in the new system does not allow for expansion. system.

Plumbing and Fixtures

Plumbing fixtures throughout the facility must be replaced to comply with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). The OSDM requires compressed air connections in science classrooms.

Most plumbing fixtures in the building will be replaced with ADA complaint units, including the addition of some new fixtures.

Windows

The windows currently installed are single pane, non-thermally broken with insulating panels.

A new insulated window system will be provided to increase energy efficiency. The new system will include integral blinds.

General Finishes

The facility contains some vinyl flooring that is assumed to contain asbestos and must be removed. Ceilings will need to be removed and other finishes will be damaged in the process of making other required renovations. Some casework is in poor condition, and some items required by the OSDM have not been

This item covers replacement of floor coverings and ceiling material that must be removed. Replacement or installation of the required cabinets, toilet partitions and chalk boards is also included.

provided.

Again, this is not an “all inclusive” list of the suggested improvements to the CTC by the Ohio School Facilities Commission. A complete listing will be available soon on the P.A.S.S. website at www.superschool.org . In the meantime, you are welcome to stop by the central office to review the hard copy of the suggested improvements to all high school facilities.

Thank you.