

November 20, 2012 FFO Minutes

Members Present: R. Ohle (chair), G. Wasserman, J. Kaminski, C. Ellinger, G. Verlinde, L. Cline, C. Laux

Mr. Verlinde reported on the progress toward middle school consolidation. Next summer, the computer lab in room 214 at Northeast will be moved to the media center to provide additional classroom space. In addition, one of the two modulars will need to be used for 2013-14 only.

Mr. Ellinger announced that the Cobalt Communications survey had concluded at 4 p.m. and that preliminary results could be available before the end of the day on Wednesday. In the meantime, Administration has been making preparations that would allow the Board to hold a sinking fund and/or bond election on May 7, 2013. Should the Board vote to authorize an election at the December 10 meeting, Administration has the necessary arrangements in place for a technology consultant, bond counsel, financial advisor, and enrollment consultant to complete the required application for a meeting with the Michigan Department of Treasury that has been scheduled for January 11. Treasury approval is required before the Board may submit the ballot language to the local election coordinator by the February 26 deadline.

Mr. Ellinger presented preliminary five year cost estimates for the New Tech and International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme. Approval of these additions through the Major Change Proposals would be contingent on funding.

Due to time constraints, a number of agenda items were removed from the agenda or moved to the December meeting. The financial statements prepared by Mrs. Laux will appear on the November 26 consent agenda.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 4 at 4 p.m.