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Monroe District Facilities Committee Completes School Tours, Presents Building Options

Monroe, WI – The Monroe School District’s Facilities Committee (DFC) met on Wednesday, March 21 to tour their fifth and final school of the district. As done previously with Monroe Middle School, Parkside Elementary, Abraham Lincoln Elementary, and Monroe High School, the DFC toured the Northside Elementary School to gauge the current condition of the building as part of the Facilities Master Planning process. Last evening’s tour uncovered numerous maintenance issues that need to be repaired immediately, such as repairs to the building envelope, holes in the roof, bathrooms that are not ADA compliant, safety and security at the front entrance, and HVAC equipment that has exceeded its useful life.

With help from representatives of Plunkett Raysich Architects and CG Schmidt Construction, the two firms engaged by the District to lend technical expertise throughout the process, the DFC has compiled a list of potential needs for each school, as well as a list of potential solutions. As of Wednesday’s meeting, the Facilities Committee had developed 10 different options, ranging from minor maintenance work to demolition and new construction. Naturally, the impact both on a financial level as well as day-to-day operations vary considerably between the options and the committee will continue to refine and narrow the options before presenting them to the School Board for consideration. All of the solutions include routine maintenance items at each of the five district schools.

In addition to touring Northside Elementary School and determining options the DFC heard from committee member Nate Lancaster, from Century 21 - Zwygart Real Estate. Mr. Lancaster provided the DFC with the Economic Development Report for Monroe, which consisted of the forecast for Monroe’s real estate market and an in-depth look into current and forecasted interest rates. Mr. Lancaster drew special attention to the fact that residential single-family and condominium sales for the first two months of 2018 in Monroe were off to an incredibly fast start.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4 at 4:30 p.m. at the Monroe High School Library Media Center.



Those interested in joining the DFC, or simply interested in learning more about the facilities planning process, should contact District Administrator Rick Waski via email at rickwaski@monroe.k12.wi.us. An executive summary of the Facilities Master Planning Report will be found on the District's website in the coming weeks at www.monroeschools.com.

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