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**Consultants Present Facilities Master Planning Report to Board of Education**

**Monroe, WI** – The Monroe School Board and several members of the recently formed District Facilities Committee (DFC) were presented with the Master Facilities Planning Report on January 29 at a workshop held at the District office. Representatives from CG Schmidt Construction and Plunkett Raysich Architects were in attendance to discuss their findings following months of close scrutiny of the District’s short and long-term building maintenance needs and evaluating building capacities for today’s flexible learning environments. The report itemizes maintenance and upgrade concerns such as roof repair/replacement, flooring, waterproofing, asbestos abatement and more. These items are categorized based on urgency, ranging from “urgent” to the next 2-5 years, and finally 6 to 10+ years. In total, the firms, working in conjunction with District facilities and maintenance staff, identified roughly \$28 million in deferred maintenance items, and potential repairs and upgrades facing the eight District buildings. However, it has yet to be determined which of these items the District will seek to address immediately. “This has been an important exercise to protect our buildings from deteriorating further, and we are now charging the DFC with determining solutions to present to the board for approval that the community will support,” said Bob Erb, President of the Board of Education.

As part of that determination process, the School District is continuing to call for volunteers from the community to join a District Facilities Committee which will have their kick-off meeting on Wednesday, February 7 at 5:30 p.m. The District Facilities Committee, or DFC, is comprised of members of the community, parents, business leaders, school board, and key government officials to serve in an advisory capacity to the School Board to assist with the evaluation and prioritization of capital improvements and building solutions for the District’s schools. The DFC also serves as an informational liaison to the community throughout the planning



process. Those interested in potentially joining the DFC, seeking more information about the roles and responsibilities of 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](mailto:rickwaski@monroe.k12.wi.us).

With the assistance of the DFC the District's next step will be preparing a community-wide survey to be distributed to the homes in the District by mid to late April. The results of the survey will help the district understand the future needs and goals of the community. In the meantime, 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](http://www.monroeschools.com).

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