

July 10, 2019

# DISTRICT FACILITIES COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**The School District of Monroe** has been engaged in a master facility planning process since September of 2017 to review the district's short and long-term building maintenance needs, condition of all operating systems, and an educational space analysis with building and program capacities. The district engaged CG Schmidt (CGS) and Plunkett Raysich Architects (PRA) to develop a capital maintenance plan that identifies urgent, short and long-term needs, while ensuring equity for all buildings. This independent, objective analysis was presented to the District and Board of Education.

The District Facilities Committee (DFC) was launched in February of 2018 and consists of District and Building Administration and Staff, and Community Members interested in helping shape the future of the facilities for the School District of Monroe. Several recommendations were determined by the Board that would guide the DFC through this process, such as focusing on predictable grade level configurations, realistic transitions for students, emphasis on safety and security, ADA accessibility, maximizing existing educational areas and core spaces, maintaining manageable sized elementary schools, and addressing concerns identified in the District's Facilities Maintenance Report.

The DFC, working in conjunction with CGS and PRA explored more than a dozen building solutions to address committee concerns. The committee

explored various criteria, such as a commitment to address all buildings to achieve equity; operating at least four schools (2 elementary, 1 middle and 1 high school); and addressing urgent maintenance needs, to name several. The DFC further explored three variations to address the failing high school, including a combined middle/high school on the high school site, with the demolition of Abraham Lincoln Elementary School.

In October of 2018, and April of 2019, to further understand the implications of a combined 7-12 grade level configuration, several DFC and Board of Education members toured Port Washington School District, Ripon Area School District, Berlin Area School District, and the School District of Brown Deer, which have faced the same challenges Monroe does currently. The District also sent a survey in the Spring of 2019 to all DFC committee members to obtain confidential feedback regarding the direction to proceed with the high school options.

At their final meeting, the DFC finalized the proposed solution to present to the Board of Education and the community to obtain direct feedback. The DFC presented their final recommendation to the Board of Education for review.

To obtain a copy of the District's Facilities Maintenance Report, please go to the website at [www.monroeschools.com](http://www.monroeschools.com).



## MEETING DATES

|          |           |
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| 02/07/18 | 10/02/18* |
| 02/21/18 | 11/19/18  |
| 03/07/18 | 04/25/19* |
| 03/21/18 | 04/29/19  |
| 04/04/18 | 05/23/19  |
| 09/17/18 | 06/19/19  |

\* Tour of other Districts

## DISTRICT FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| <b>Tim Brown</b><br>Monroe High School Teacher         | <b>Ron Markham</b><br>Community Member                           | <b>Rick Waski</b><br>District Administrator                         |
| <b>Ann Doyle</b><br>Community Member                   | <b>Jeff Newcomer</b><br>High School Activities/Athletic Director | <b>Joe Monroe</b><br>Director of Pupil Services                     |
| <b>John Emmons</b><br>Retired Teacher/Community Member | <b>Ron Olson</b><br>District Business Administrator              | <b>Chris Medenwaldt</b><br>Monroe High School Principal             |
| <b>Jason Kundert</b><br>Community Member               | <b>Andrea Sweeney</b><br>Community Member                        | <b>Rich Zentner</b><br>Director of Building/Grounds/Safety/Security |
| <b>Nate Lancaster</b><br>Community Member              | <b>Amy Timmerman</b><br>Northside Elementary School Principal    |   |