

MINUTES OF THE
BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
of the Board of Education
Riverside School District No.96
held on Monday, September 21, 2009
in the Hauser Jr. High School LRC
Riverside, Illinois

Committee chair Giles McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Giles McCarthy, Mrs. Mary Stimming, and Mrs. Hareena Wakely

Absent: None

Also Present: Board Member Mrs. Jennifer Leimberer; Dr. Jon Lamberson, Superintendent; Maintenance Director, Bill Radtke; architects Mark Miller and Chris English from CONCEPT 3 Architects; and approximately 10 District 96 parents and interested citizens of the community.

Frederick Law Olmsted Society President Kim Jacobs addressed the Committee and conveyed interest in being "part of the conversation" to address a revised hardscape/landscape plan at Hauser. She also stated she would be in favor of relocating the student pick-up and drop-off zone to Hauser's back parking lot - an idea proposed by a resident at a previous Building Committee meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss with the architects:

- a. Site Improvement and Life Safety work completed during Summer 2009.
 - b. Site Improvement and Life Safety work to be done in Summer 2010.
 - c. Application for federal stimulus funds available for school construction.
 - d. 5-year, K-5 classroom projection matrix.
- a. Architect Mark Miller commented that all Life Safety issues sited in Hauser's Safety Survey Report were successfully addressed over the summer. In addition, tuck-pointing of Hauser's 1953 addition and cleaning and restoration of the historic portico entrance took place.

Mr. Miller noted that Site Improvement work also occurred at Ames School that included:

- installation of a widened sidewalk leading to the school's main entrance
- planting of new shrubs and relocation of an existing butterfly garden
- installation of a brick and stone outdoor study circle

Building Committee member and Ames parent, Mary Stimming, thanked the architects for working with District 96 to develop the design. She noted that Ames families are very pleased with the result.

Mrs. Stimming inquired about the watering schedule for the newly planted shrubs and transplanted butterfly garden. Maintenance Director, Bill Radtke, commented that a retired District 96 custodian has been hired to water the area for 2-3 hours per day for the next several weeks and that all newly installed plants are under a one year warranty.

Mr. Radtke further noted that the District now uses an outside landscaping company, on an as needed basis, to perform routine clean-up at each of the schools. He plans to meet with this company in February to develop a landscape maintenance plan for all of the schools through the spring and summer of 2010.

District 96 parent, Nancy Hopkins, commented that there is an overall improvement in the appearance of the schools with the use of the outside landscaping company. Supt. Lamberson asked parents to notify Mr. Radtke if they have any suggestions regarding the landscapers' work.

Architect Chris English remarked that the contractor made an improvement to the design of the study circle at Ames. An uneven slope existed where the study circle was to be located. To accommodate, a "stepped" wall was built to maintain a consistent seat height around the circle. Supt. Lamberson commented that a site survey was not conducted in the original scope of work. Had a survey been done, the slope would have been found and the design solution would have been the same as that implemented by the contractor. Surveys will be conducted prior to all Site Improvement work scheduled for summer 2010.

Discussion took place regarding the placement of three benches located behind the study circle. Ames PTA will discuss bench placement with Mrs. Lieggi.

- b. Mark Miller presented a revised Hauser landscape plan that focused on District property behind the village set-back line. The revised plan:
 - retains all existing mature trees
 - replaces the brick wall in front of the school with two study circles
 - replaces the sidewalk leading to the auditorium entrance with exposed aggregate (village standard)

Discussion took place regarding the construction of a vestibule at the auditorium entrance to provide a more secure doorway to the building and to save on energy cost. Supt. Lamberson noted that a vestibule entry has been considered in the past but was not pursued because of cost. Committee members agreed to reinvestigate this option. Mr. Miller will send previous design proposal costs to Dr. Lamberson who will forward the information to the Committee for review.

The architects noted that a vestibule would provide a more secure entrance and an attractive focal point to the building with glass front doors, security doors on the inside, and side walls made of limestone and glass.

Dialogue took place regarding Hauser's security system. Dr. Lamberson noted that currently there is no alarm system in place to alert Hauser staff if an outside door is opened. Supt. Lamberson will investigate the cost of adding security alarms to outside doors throughout the building.

Dr. Lamberson commented that the District would like to put the Hauser landscape project out to bid in early January 2010 for completion in the summer. He asked the architects to adjust the proposed design to include the vestibule entry. When the project goes out to bid, he recommended the vestibule portion be an alternate bid, not part of the base bid.

Mr. Miller then presented the Site Improvement design for Hollywood School. In keeping with the overall District theme, Hollywood's design includes:

- native plants and shrubs to enhance existing perennial gardens
- a study circle (identical to the one at Ames School)
- new exposed aggregate sidewalk leading to the school's main entrance

Discussion took place regarding the deteriorated condition of the public sidewalks at Hollywood School. Dr. Lamberson asked the architects to revise the Hollywood design to include new aggregate sidewalks in front of the school as well as leading up to the building; and to inquire whether the Village of Brookfield would be interested in bidding out the sidewalk repair project, if District 96 subsidized the cost.

Central School PTO President Allyn Pilewski asked the Committee for help in addressing a consistently muddy area (under a tree) that slopes down toward the Central playground. She noted that the PTO has \$9,000 to contribute toward this project and asked if the District's architect could develop a design. Supt. Lamberson asked the architects to consider ideas and to provide drawings for the Committee to consider at its next meeting in November.

As part of the summer 2010 Site Improvement work, Dr. Lamberson noted that new sidewalk should be installed at Central's Kindergarten entrance and at the old District Office entrance on Woodside Road.

- c. Dr. Lamberson commented that there may be some federal funds available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for school construction in Illinois. The Committee gave approval for Concept 3 Architects to assist the District in the application process.
- d. Supt. Lamberson reviewed the 5-year, K-5 classroom projection matrix. He noted that Blythe Park will need all of its classroom space for K-5 classes next year and asked the Committee to begin thinking about which District 96 school should house the ECE program for an extended period of time.

A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, supported by Mrs. Wakely, that the Building Committee meeting be adjourned.

The time was 8:58 p.m.

Susan Moorhead, Board Secretary

Giles McCarthy, Chair