

Buildings & Finance Committee Meeting

November 2, 2022

CT Young Boardroom – 6:00 PM

Attendees: Mark C. Ault, Justin Hagen-Stein, Garyne Evans, Rich Joesting, Jeff Ward, Andy Stafford, Paul Beck, Amy Case, Bryan Kestner, Joe Lind, Jeremy Snell, and Zach Fischesser.

1. Update from the Boosters regarding athletic building/space needs & improvement plans

Jeremy Snell provided an overview of the current discussions taking place regarding this project. The Boosters Officers met last week, October 25th, with Dr. Ault, Mark Smiley, Larry Herges, and several coaches to gather input and identify needs for their respective programs. Larry Herges will follow up and gather input from the other coaches who were not able to attend.

Additionally, the Boosters are hosting a meeting next Wednesday, November 9th in hopes to share their plans and information with the rest of the Booster membership and gather their input as well.

Dave Hester, an architect from Elevar, was able to attend the coaches' meeting last week and the Boosters are waiting for him to provide a checklist of questions his firm would need in order to begin the process of creating drawings.

At this point in the discussion, they are looking at the space next to the current concession stand as a viable place to build this facility. No formal plans are in place for what this facility will house, but the thought, at this time, is to be able to raise enough private funds to build “the shell” of the structure and then focus the first phase on a fitness/weight-lifting center.

The process for moving forward, knowing this structure would be owned and vetted by the District, was discussed along with concerns about the added layers that are required for public bids and other procedures public entities must follow. Costs and supply chain shortages add to the challenge, but the feeling among the group is that the facility is needed to keep our student-athletic programs competitive as well as for the need to have up-to-date facilities for student safety and well-being.

The Booster Organization will continue to vet this process openly with transparency by attending and sharing plans with the Building & Finance Committee each month and with the school board members on an ongoing and consistent basis.

2. Miami Fort Power Plant Update:

Joe Lind introduced himself to the group. Joe is the new plant manager at Miami Fort. Joe is a West Side Cincinnati native and has been with Vistra, the Company in Texas that owns Miami Fort, for several years. Joe indicated that currently the plant is functioning at a high level and is producing a great deal of energy

and the plant is profitable. He said that Vistra has committed funds to maintain the operations of the plant well into next year and he is optimistic, at least at the moment, that they will be able to continue to provide energy for the foreseeable future. He did state, as has been the message from Vistra since 2020 that the plant is scheduled to close in June of 2027. There has been no decision to repurpose or sell the plant at this time. There was a discussion about perhaps using the property once it closes as a storage battery site, but again those decisions will be made at a later date. Garyne Evans indicated that the Board and Teri Riesenbergs will reach out to the New Richmond School District to see how the State addressed the closing of the power plant that was located in their school district. We hope to be able to share this information with our committee once we have the opportunity to meet with school officials in New Richmond.

3. 5 Year Financial Forecast

School treasurer, Teri Riesenbergs, will present the 5-Year Financial Forecast to the School Board at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 8th. Teri will provide the overview to the Building & Finance Committee at the next meeting scheduled for December 7, 2022.

4. Revisit Dividing the Committee into two groups: A Finance Committee & A Building/Grounds Committee

This topic will be discussed in more detail at the December 7th meeting.

5. Agenda Items for the December 7th Committee

1. Booster Update on athletic building project – Jeremy Snell
2. Financial Forecast Highlights – Teri Riesenbergs
3. Discussion and Overview of the challenges in maintaining our facilities – Garyne Evans
4. Dividing the Committee into two functioning committees – Mark Ault
5. Other

The next Building & Finance Committee Meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 7 in the boardroom at CT Young District Office.