

## Facilities Committee Meeting Notes

Jan. 23, 2025 – 5:30 p.m. – Lake View Campus, Westport, N.Y.

### Facilities Committee Members Present

- Bill Benoit
- Tom Bisselle
- Sheera Broderick
- Tom Broderick  
(BOE Representative)
- Darlene Hooper  
(BOE Representative)
- Jim Jackson
- Josh Kingzack
- Robyn Lepage
- Shelly Mckinley
- Samuel Sherman

### Synopsis

On Jan. 23, 2025, the Boquet Valley Central School District Facilities Committee held its fourth meeting. Facilitator Joe Dragone from Capital Region BOCES guided the committee in reviewing the program for space allocation, full renovations at Mountain View, limited renovations at Mountain View, site sketches of transportation and athletics fields at Lake View and considerations for forming a recommendation to the Board of Education. The committee noted the importance of balancing efficiency, long-term value and tax impacts. Key decisions and next steps were identified, ahead of the committee's next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Campus in Elizabethtown.

### Agenda

The meeting began at approximately 5:32 p.m.

#### Program Review for Space Allocation

- Discussion began with a reminder of the committee's charge and December decisions.
  - Visit the [Facilities Committee web page](#) on the Boquet Valley district website to find details about all the committee's work so far.
- Highlighted the Maximum Cost Allowance (MCA) and the previous committee's program-sizing work that formed a pragmatic program plan.
- Reviewed classroom usage and potential for reducing the number of rooms. Some committee members suggested sharing of general classrooms to minimize the total needed.



## Review - Full vs. Limited Renovations at Mountain View

- Local share estimate for full renovations: \$21,723,985.
- Local share estimate for limited renovations: \$7,709,985.
- Both proposed options do not include transportation and athletics fields—those are additional items to consider.
- Low-cost model includes the minimum necessary work whereas the full renovations option would bring the Mountain View Campus up to like-new condition.
- Low-cost model reduces the scope of site work and program spaces, creating a more cost-effective plan.
- Discussion included finding a middle ground between full and limited renovations.

## Review Site Sketch of Transportation & Athletic Fields at Lake View

- Lake View site challenges: demolition costs (\$2 million), topography issues and high costs for infrastructure development.
- Explored the idea of alternative locations but there are obstacles to consider.
- Potential to combine transportation garage and athletic fields for cost efficiency.
- Parking concerns at Mountain View raised, including current space limitations and the need for expansion if the entire pre-K-12 program were to be relocated there.

## Work on Recommendation to Board

- The committee is focused on balancing cost, renovations and additions to determine what is essential for taxpayers to approve.
- Discussions emphasized prioritizing renovations to maximize long-term value and efficiency.
- Explored a "mix-and-match" approach to include key updates while remaining sensitive to taxpayers.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:41 p.m.

## Decisions

- No viable options currently exist for a new school site.
- The committee will proceed with continued planning for an addition and renovations at the Mountain View Campus.

- The transportation garage and athletic fields will not be located at the Lake View Campus.
- A search for buildable property (minimum of 20 acres) will commence to consider locating transportation garage and athletic fields on a single site.

## Next Steps

- Cost models for multiple project scopes will be developed based on updated borrowing rates.
- Revisit potential properties for a combined transportation garage and athletic fields site (minimum of 20 acres).
- Review parking counts at the Mountain View Campus.
- Awaiting word from New York State Education Department (NYSED) about the preliminary review timeline.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Campus in Elizabethtown.

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