

## Facilities Committee Meeting Notes

Feb. 27, 2025 – 5:30 p.m. – Mountain View Campus, Elizabethtown, N.Y.

### Facilities Committee Members Present

- Bill Benoit
- Tom Bisselle
- Sheera Broderick
- Tom Broderick  
(BOE Representative)
- Darlene Hooper  
(BOE Representative)
- Steve Hudson
- Jim Jackson
- Josh Kingzack
- Shelly McKinley
- Micah Stewart
- David Whitford

### Synopsis

On Feb. 27, 2025, the Boquet Valley Central School District Facilities Committee held its fifth meeting. Facilitator Joe Dragone from Capital Region BOCES guided the committee in reviewing the timeline, facilitated a fiscal review of project options discussed at the January meeting, provided an update on land options and focused the discussion on working toward developing a recommendation to the Boquet Valley Board of Education. Next steps were identified, ahead of the committee’s next meeting on Thursday, March 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Campus in Elizabethtown.

### Agenda

The meeting began at approximately 5:36 p.m.

#### Timeline Review

- The meeting began with review of a potential project schedule.
- NYSED requires at least six months for preliminary review.
- If a vote were to be held in May 2026, a submission would be made to NYSED in June 2025, allowing ample time for review and other steps.
- If voters were to approve a referendum in May 2026, construction would be projected to start in 2027, with two phases extending through June 2030.
- Timeline based on renovation and building an addition, with the Limited Renovation Model allowing for more flexibility.

#### Fiscal Review of Project Options Discussed at January Meeting

- Full Renovation Model:



- Total non-aidable costs: \$16,444,894
- Total project cost: \$45.6 million
- Estimated tax levy increase: 19.30%
- Limited Renovation Model:
  - Total non-aidable costs: \$3,669,871
  - Total project cost: \$31.6 million
  - Estimated tax levy increase: 5.66%
- Previous 2024 Referendum (for comparison):
  - Non-aidable costs: \$25,028,135
  - Estimated tax levy increase: 24.20%
- Discussion of project scope, including the elimination of a separate elementary cafeteria and gymnasium in the Limited Renovation Model.
- Review of addition requirements, cost-cutting measures and impact on state aid.
- Need for a separate vote on bus garage and athletic fields to stay on schedule.
- Consideration of community tolerance for tax levy increase and potential public engagement.
- Importance of balancing necessary renovations with fiscal responsibility.

## Update on Land

- 191 Fox Run Road, Elizabethtown:
  - 285-acre property for sale, five miles from the Mountain View Campus.
  - 22 acres of cleared land; potential for bus garage and fields.
  - Wetlands and environmental considerations.
  - Discussion of potential for subdividing and selling unused land.
- Revenue Opportunities:
  - Potential sale of Lake View Campus property in Westport.
  - Possible funding from Champlain Hudson Power Express transmission line project.
  - Potential allocation of revenue to assist with funding capital project(s).

## Work Toward Recommendation to the Board of Education

- Determining an acceptable tax levy percentage for community approval.
- Ensuring alignment of project scope with educational and community needs.
- Emphasis on transparency and communication and a need for community engagement.
- Addressing concerns about space utilization and future flexibility.

- Consideration of phasing projects to manage costs effectively.
- Finalizing a balanced proposal that meets both financial and educational priorities.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:56 p.m.

## Next Steps

- A full academic program re-review at the March meeting, ensuring committee members are comfortable with the proposed project sizing.
- Continued discussion about possible locations for a new bus garage and new athletics fields.
  - Explore potential partnership with Camp Dudley, potential land availability with Town of Elizabethtown.

## Next Meeting

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

For more information, please visit the [Facilities Committee web page](#) on the Boquet Valley Central School District website.