

AGENDA

**Addison Central School District
Facilities Committee
Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2020, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Virtual Connection**

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

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When: Jun 18, 2020 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: ACSD Facilities Committee

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- A. Call to Order Upon Reaching a Quorum
- B. Introductions - Board Members, Administrators and Staff
- C. Approve Agenda
- D. Public Comment
- E. Recommendation to Approve Minutes of May 21, 2020
- F. Discussion:
- G. Facilities Master Plan Update and Next Steps
- H. Adjournment

MINUTES



**Addison Central School District
Facilities Committee
Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2020, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Virtual Connection**

In Attendance

James Malcolm; Jori Jacobeit; Mary Cullinane; Victoria Jette

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A. Call to Order Upon Reaching a Quorum

Meeting was called to order at 3:46pm by Victoria Jette.

B. Introductions - Board Members, Administrators and Staff

Administration: Peter Burrows, Brittany Gilman

Staff: Bruce MacIntire

C. Approve Agenda

Approved

D. Public Comments

Barbara Wilson commented that she found out about this meeting today and that she wasn't sure how she would have found out about it.

Victoria Jette said the meeting was warned three days ago so that committee meetings could happen before the full Board Meeting next Tuesday.

Barbara Wilson asked where she would have found out about the committee meeting.

Peter Burrows suggested that our meeting schedule during the pandemic has not been normal and pointed the public to the ACSD website to find out about meeting schedules.

Barbara Wilson asked where meetings are publicly warned. Peter Burrows said it goes to the town and the schools.

E. Recommendation to Approve Minutes of March 10, 2020

Victoria explained that Suzanne was going to compile the minutes from the 3/10

Community Meeting. Those minutes still need to be located.

F. Discussion:

1. Facilities Master Plan Update and Next Steps

Victoria explained that at a recent Board Meeting, the board decided to put the process of considering various facilities scenarios on hold during a time of so much uncertainty.

Peter Burrows gave some perspective on the “revenue spiral” in the state of Vermont, which includes a potential \$166 million shortfall going into FY21. He said he anticipates the state will borrow heavily to support current budgets that have already been voted for next year and shared that FY22 will be particularly challenging. The budgeting this fall will most likely be more heavily weighted toward state control versus local control. Given the timing of the pandemic, the need to engage communities, preparing for school next year and the likelihood of no vaccine at the start of next school year, there is much work to be done. The new financial backdrop makes our facilities discussion that much more poignant. He emphasized the need to make potentially difficult decisions as a community.

Brittany Gilman projected that this will most likely be a multi-year fiscal challenge. Spending cuts will not be limited to FY22.

Mary Cullinane asked about the debt loads that states will take on. Brittany said \$166 million shortfall may be a “best case scenario.”

Peter said the projections for revenue loss extend well beyond FY21.

Victoria brought up the one-school option, saying it now feels particularly unfeasible given that it would require a bond to pass. Chip agreed that it’s fiscally solid thinking to eliminate a one-school option. Chip also mentioned that virtual meetings prove challenging when it comes to engaging the community in a meaningful way.

Committee members agreed to eliminate the one-school and two-school options.

They agreed to keep the three-school and four-school options on the table given that these models can accommodate our student body using existing facilities.

Chip mentioned that cost will be a major driver in any decision.

Victoria emphasized that we can’t really be in a holding pattern, because we’ll be forced to make these decisions due to the new financial reality.

Peter and Brittany will start to consider implications for each scenario from a high level, including staffing costs, transportation, etc.

Jori asked when the educational lens comes into play when considering possible combinations of schools, noting that David's recommendations were based solely on his facilities perspective. Peter said they would consider David's recommendations, but that board discussions will be ongoing regarding educational outcomes and creating diverse communities of learners.

Mary noted that from a communications perspective, our messaging is key. We are responding to a crisis and acting so that we are able to continue the great work that we do. It's because of these assets that we have that we will continue to provide excellent educational opportunities in ACSD.

Chip said that it's also important to show that we're not using the pandemic to carry out a previously decided upon agenda, but instead, that the pandemic has only exacerbated the financial challenges we faced before.

Victoria added that this may have sped up the time frame, but that we will continue to bring the same level of thoughtfulness to this process that we did pre-COVID 19.

Peter noted that this is a time where anxiety is high and our community is experiencing the pandemic in different ways. The more people who can feel a part of this process, the better.

Mary pointed out that we are very lucky to have Brittany to guide us through these financial uncertainties.

Brittany noted that tomorrow's meeting is for the Finance Committee.

G. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jori Jacobeit, Recorder