

QUESTIONS from Sept 28 Community Meeting

1. **Once we start down the local funding avenue can we go back to OSFC?** *The determination for Local versus State funding begins at the point of design because if we go with local dollars our design choices are broad and focused on the community. If we go with the OSFC funding, though only 30%, we will need to follow their design handbook.*
2. **Can public see video on website of problems in district?** *We will work to develop a video of the current state of our facilities and post on the website.*
3. **How do we convince public without children?** *We will continue with our plan to design the building and present the final product for the January 10, 2012 Community Meeting. From here a cost/millage will be determined to communicate to the Canton Local Community. Communication is key to all stakeholders.*
4. **What demographics did you talk to? Older people?** *At this time we have our Site Based Team who has been gathering information from the community. Our Site Based Team is a diverse demographic group that represents parents, students, teachers, community members, administrators and Board Members.*
5. **Need to sell it to the older, mature voters. How do they feel about having additional taxes?** *As we move into the Bond Issue Campaign we will work to market our plan. For now, we are hoping that for the Design phase people will come to our meetings for input and information.*
6. **Does building a new school mean more teachers will be hired?** *The number of teachers are determined by the number of students, not by the size of the building. For the design of the building we will certainly have to take into consideration our current enrollment and enrollment projections.*
7. **If not using State funds, is there opportunity for other grants?** *Grants, if available will certainly be sought.*
8. **What can we keep instead of building new?** *We will need to assess what is worth structurally and fiscally to keep if we go with local money. If we use state money, they have rules that will not allow us to do that.*
9. **What materials can we keep?** *This question is first answered by the use of OSFC funds or not. If we use their funds, we cannot keep any equipment including desks, smart boards, projectors, etc.*
10. **Will we build a school with extra classrooms in case of growth?** *Enrollment trends are certainly showing a decline. For example, we graduated 214 students in May, 2011 and entered 121 kindergarteners. Our class trends range from 120-150 for the future and we will take that into consideration.*
11. **What security measures can we build into the new school?** *(cameras, security doors, secure areas) We will certainly want to build in the kind of security that allows for a safe and secure building for our students and community.*
12. **Will the community be able to use the school for meetings?** *Yes, as it is now, community will be able to use the schools for meetings and we hope to have spaces that can include larger meetings as well.*
13. **Place to exercise? Walk?** *In support of our goal to be the healthiest community and our Nifty Fifty initiative we hope to have spaces that support community fitness.*

14. **Wasn't the fire station (Amos) supposed to be the place for community meetings?** *Yes, and it still will be. There are many organizations that need space to meet (Scouts, Youth Sports, Clubs, etc) and they are always looking for space.*
15. **In the renovation of Walker, couldn't they add room to put 5th grade back at Walker?** *It could be considered depending on enrollment, educational opportunities and cost.*
16. **Could community use weight facilities?** *It would be our goal to be as accessible to the community as we possibly could. This will depend on partnerships to make it work and it is certainly possible.*
17. **Why are we buying property when things need to be replaced?** *The purpose for buying the properties along Cleveland Ave is to create space for our building project as well as much needed parking.*
18. **What is going to happen to houses purchased on Cleveland Ave?** *They will be torn down.*
19. **What is going to happen to old buildings and who pays for razing them?** *For any building not in use, it will be part of the cost plan to include their elimination.*
20. **Are the rumors true? High school only being built? Keeping part of high school and building part new?** *While plans are not totally in place we believe that due to the state of the high school, we need to build a new one. The other two schools, particularly FMMS, our newest building, can support renovation to bring it up to our needs.*
21. **What is the capacity of Walker currently? Crowded? Built for 500?** *The current capacity for Walker is 800+ students. Currently we have 688 students K-4 which does not indicate a crowding issue.*
22. **Do we need to be forward thinking about resource rooms for our most needy population of students?** *We do have resource rooms for our most needy population of students now and will continue to provide the continuum of services students need based on their IEP's.*
23. **What voice will families have once local control is decided?** *The voice of families began when the Site Based Team met and continued on September 28th at the Community Meeting. Our second meeting of the community will be on November 2 where draft plans will be reviewed and input sought.*
24. **How will we pay for the building(s) after built? Will it require an additional levy for utilities/upkeep/etc.?** *Building maintenance is paid through our Permanent Improvement Funds. We would anticipate our new environments would be more efficient in utilities and the immediate upkeep should not be nearly as much as it is currently.*
25. **What is going to happen to the annex – can it be attached/used in same way?** *If we go with local funding the plan would be to keep the annex as it is. If we use State Money, it would have to be torn down.*
26. **Enough property for one site? Here or another location?** *There is not enough property for a K-12 on the current high school property. In addition, the cost of a K-12 while demolishing FMMS and Walker would be prohibitive.*

27. **Solar and wind possibility?** *We are committed to being energy efficient and mindful of a green environment.*

28. **Will we use local as much as possible in our construction?**

In a public bid the two options would be that a business owner could contact us to do one of the following:

A. *Donate a product to the school district that would meet the specifications. Then the school district could provide that product as "by owner" to the project. As an example, a business donates a specific piece of equipment such as an air handler that meets the specifications and warranty requirements and we would make it clear in the contract documents that this specific piece of equipment is being furnished by the owner.*

B. *A business would offer their product to the bidders at a reduced cost. As an example, Belden Brick could offer the bricks at say \$ 200 per cube vs the normal retail cost of \$ 350 per cube.*

29. **Would it help to draw students?** *As our surrounding district have new facilities, we have lost some students attracted to the new schools and the opportunities they have. New schools would attract families, no doubt.*

30. **What renovations at Walker?** *While not planned as yet but certainly new windows, air conditioning and structural upgrades to support technology among the top of the list.*

31. **Why not make a campus environment?** *A campus environment would be ideal and is being considered. Our first obligation is to not ask for more than the community can support.*

32. **Walker is out in nowhere of tight-knit community, two-school model would bring sense?** *A two campus model would make sense and will be considered as long as the costs are within reason.*

33. **Do you have to use the lowest bidder?** *There is a bidding process that is regulated by Ohio Revised Code (law). While the law states lowest bidder there is a process to determine to make sure the lowest bidder is of the highest quality and experienced.*

34. **Does the Administration feel it is the right time to build?** *From the Board of Education, the Superintendent and the Treasurer, and the Site Based Team, we feel it is time to pursue facilities that will meet the future needs of our students and community. We believe it is time to ask the community for that support.*