

Canton Local Schools

Community Meeting #2

November 2, 2011 7:00 pm Canton South High School Cafeteria

Over 140 community members attended the second of three community meetings to plan for a 21st Century Master Facilities plan. Please find the highlights below:

Introduction:

Scott Hamilton, Board of Education President, opened the meeting with welcome and introductions. He stated that we were here to unveil a Master Facilities Plan after listening to the community on September 28.

Meeting Goals:

Kim Redmond, Superintendent stated the goals of the evening;

- Update on our progress
- Unveil our Master Facilities Plan based on Community Input
- Gather Responses
- Continue to move forward with a Bond Issue on March 6th

We Listened!

The ideas generated from the Sept 28th meeting resulted in a change in our direction. We have highlighted the ideas that we believe we can put into our plan and found a vast majority of the ideas will be incorporated. Unfortunately, there will be no pool, chocolate fountain or bowling alley but we hope to have natural light, flexible space, excellent security systems and much more. We continue to be challenged to find partners such as area hospitals colleges or businesses but we remain flexible and open to such partnerships. We do plan to have fitness areas for the community to use that, if the bond issue passes in March, we can make happen without cost of admission.

Student Voices

Over 100 students have been interviewed and many of their ideas mirror the community's input we have received. Some of their ideas include making their own food for lunch at school, growing food on the roof, using crushed bricks from old school to make a sculpture for the new school, neon wildcat and track around the gym. We have a video of several students on our website as well.

Speaker: Mrs. Chris Scarpino (South grad, parent, volunteer, Site Based Team Member)
video and text of Mrs. Scarpino's talk is on our Facilities site.

Canton Local's Master Facilities Plan

Our Master Facilities plan is a two-campus plan. The high school campus will include a brand new Canton South High School, the current annex, new restrooms/concession in the football stadium and the Faircrest Campus will include moving all PreK thru 5th graders into the current Faircrest Middle School and building a new middle school for grades 6-8.

Cost Savings

By going to a two-campus plan we conservatively expect to save at least \$500,000 a year in operational costs.

Costs of the Plan

Construction Costs

New High School with Existing Career Tech Annex

Abatement and Demolition of Existing High School

New Auditorium

Stadium Restrooms/Concessions and Storage

Renovate Faircrest MS for PK-5 Elementary School

New 6-8 Middle School on Faircrest Site

New Site Access to Faircrest Site

Abatement and Demolition of Walker Elementary School

Abatement and Demolition of Prairie College School

Total \$43 M

Our Bond issue will be for 43 million dollars over 30 years and we believe 8.31 mills (currently calculated at 4.25%). The cost to a taxpayer of a home valued at \$75,000 will be: \$190.97/year, 15.91 per month, or 52 cents per day.

Beyond the Bond: Future Needs

Our Master Facilities Plan includes other plans not covered by this Bond Issue. On this list are such things as relocating the baseball field, renovating the tennis courts, and synthetic turf for our football field. Funds for these projects will need to be privately funded over time.

Speaker: Mr. Bill Smith (Canton Township Trustee, business owner, community member, grandparent, Site Based Team Member) video of Mr. Smith is on our Facilities site.

Next Steps

On November 16 a special Board Meeting at 7:15 am will recommend a Resolution of Necessity for the entire money amount (43 million), November 21 Regular Board Meeting there will be recommended a Resolution of Necessity to Proceed which will name the mills approved by the County Auditor. Next Community Meeting will be January 10, 2012.