

Olean City School District
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Present: Ricky Bee, Chairperson
Genelle Morris, Superintendent
Julio Fuentes
Mark Huselstein

Mark Mary Hirsch-Schena
Mike Irizarry
Jenny Bilotta
Jackie Reed

Absent: Daniel Farnham

Guest Speaker: Linda Edstrom

Call to order: 4:34 PM

1) Parental Access to OIMS (Parents to wait and talk from outside)

This concern has been resolved as OIMS had a window installed so that parents are able to collect their children from the vestibule to be consistent with the other buildings. Parents will not be entering the main office. The students will be called down and through the double doors to meet their parents.

2) Fence at the turf field obstructs people's viewing experience. (Can this be taken down?)

Although the 6-foot fence is not a mandate of facilities planning, it is highly recommended by facilities planning and insurance that fences on 1st and 3rd base be no less than 6 feet tall. They were originally 8 feet and were lowered to 6 feet. For safety purposes, the fences will remain at 6 feet.

3) Lights on track

Concern was voiced that the track is very dark at night. There is some infrastructure under the current track, but not enough to support more light poles. The upcoming capital project is limited to \$2 million in outside improvements and that will not support this project. A previous estimate was going to be \$3 million for the track itself and did not include lighting. This will not be an option for the upcoming capital project but will be considered for the following capital project. Architects will be at the November B&G meeting and can be discussed further.

4) Expanding bleachers

Athletics has discussed with the district and if there is ever an expansion to include games being played there, additional bleachers will need to be added.

5) High School doors have been fixed

Mark Huselstein reported that are fixed but will be looked at again in the spring to assure that no further problems with the doors closing have developed. New doors are a high priority on the next capital project. Handicap ramp door handicap button does not open. Mark Huselstein will have it looked at.

6) Follow-up discussion on high School Building tour (thoughts and highlights)

A request for new mats for cheerleading was noted. The district currently has three mats because there is no room to store them. Dr. Morris did a regional study. There is only one district that has nine mats. The mats can be borrowed, or leased, or the group requesting the facility can bring their own.

Break Room – on the 2nd floor, the bathroom is very close to the table. One of the renderings for the upcoming capital project addresses this facility expansion. A concern was voiced over losing space for E-sports, but that will not be affected.

7) Security and access in general (Raptor Implementation update) The need for community access but is safe and secure for our students and staff).

Raptor has been implemented in all buildings, and has been well received. If there is a need for community access, ID must be presented. If no ID is available the building administrator make decision for students and parents. If taxpayers with no ID, they are not let in. If the ID alerts of Sex Offender status (and there is a valid need to enter the building (to pay taxes for example), a procedure is in place to keep the person separated from students and accompanied by Olean personnel.

8) Soil testing for grass fields (Proactive for possible turf installation in future)

When the new turf field was being built one out of twenty-one samples showed high levels of contaminants. A project would require extensive testing prior to breaking ground. It is expected that this will be a priority in the next project and can anticipate aide.

9) Community survey with regards to use of new turf field versus Bradners Stadium

Athletics discussed using the new field for events vs. using Bradners Stadium. It was determined that there is not enough parking at OIMS, and b) there is no control for who comes in, like provided at Bradners when the tunnel is used. Neighboring districts have an open entry. Perhaps in the future when it is more feasible to include this in the capital project, it could be discussed again.

10) Request from Alumni Association to donate a bench in memory of former teacher, Joe Quinlan,.

Linda Edstrom presented on the Class of 65's request to install a bench at OHS in memory of Joe Quinlan, former OHS English Teacher. They will raise funds and any funds over the cost of the bench (up to \$300) would be donated to a student in need. The B&G committee supports this donation. The request to accept the donation will be added to the 10/29/24 BOE agenda.

11) Request from OTA for the District to place a bench at OIMS in memory of Ron Shoup.

The OTA has requested a new bench in memory of Ron Shoup. The district is limited in its ability to spend funds on memorials. Jenny Bilotta will discuss with OIMS administration to find out if they would like a new bench vs. putting a plaque on an existing bench, and whether it should go near the playground or the garden.

Adjournment: 5:42 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 5th at 4:30 at East View Elementary