

*Ohio School Facilities Commission  
October 23, 2008  
William McKinley Room 1:30 PM*

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Chair Pari Sabety, Mr. Rick Hickman representing Vice Chair Quill, Dr. Steve Puckett, Senator Larry Mumper, Senator Tom Roberts and Representative Matt Szollosi.

**1. Adoption of the September 25, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Puckett moved to approve the September 25, 2008 meeting minutes.

Mr. Rick Hickman seconded the motion.

Approval: Vote 3-0.

**2. Executive Director's Report**

The Executive Director updated the Commission members on the following: Partnering Session, CM Debriefings, Southern Ohio School Facilities Directors Meeting, Xenia Press Conference, Arcanum Butler LSD, Eastern Brown LSD Visit, St. Marys CSD Groundbreaking, OCSEA Meeting and Elyria CSD Historical Preservation Meeting.

Director Shoemaker provided a project status update. The Commission has occupied 610 new or renovated buildings through the Classroom Facilities (CFAP), Exceptional Needs (ENP), Vocational Classroom Assistance (VFAP), Expedited Local Partnership (ELPP) and VFAP Expedited Local Partnership (VFAP-ELPP) programs. The buildings are located in 223 districts facilities and have an estimated occupancy of over 339,700 students. There are currently 176 buildings under construction with another 122 in active design. All the necessary facility work has been completed in 141 school districts. The Director also provided the fiscal year 2009 District Eligibility List and the Master Facilities Plan Status map.

OSFC staff Cheryl Lyman and Susan Hagan attended the Ohio rollout of the new Apollo Program. Governor Strickland endorsed the program, which calls for federal investment in renewable energy and promotes green jobs. Governor Strickland recognized the Commission's Green Schools initiative during his remarks.

Director Shoemaker provided a list of seven Construction Management firms that were awarded school district projects. The last time awards were made, there were 15 school district groupings and one generic grouping. The generic group was developed so that we could look at smaller projects and geographically key locations so that we were not running construction managers all over the state. The idea was that we have flexibility if we have a project that all of a sudden crops up in a remote area, a termination or some change in the district that we could put someone in without going through the lengthy RFP process. EDGE vendor participation with the last selection round is approximately 40%.

Director Shoemaker and OSFC staff, Mark Wantage, met with the Southern Ohio School Facilities Directors. We have talked about the need to get to the people who really run the facility after we leave. This group has been meeting on a regular basis and invited the Director to their October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. They shared concerns, solutions and input on how to improve the program.

Senator Roberts asked for additional information on where the Director was talking about regarding the Southern Ohio School Facilities Directors. Director Shoemaker responded that we would send Senator Roberts the list of schools that participated.

**3. Information Technology Update – Presented by Bill Taylor**

Bill Taylor provided an Information Technology update to the Commission members on the following:

IT staffing transition

1. Knowledge transfer – use cost set (“magic wand”) example
2. Hiring
  - a. Reached out to agencies affected by layoffs
  - b. Reached out to OSCEA
  - c. Will hire programmer in coming months
3. Contracting with DAS/OIT for our public website, continuing to purchase E-mail services and networking through them.
4. Outside contracts
  - a. Reduced the size of contracts, in response to your requests, hiring and reductions due to the state’s budget
  - b. New vendors. Our selection process selected two new vendors for us to work with, Digitek Software, Inc. and ICC
  - c. Utilized STS to contract

OASIS

4 Phases, roughly 15 applications

Phases 1, 2 and 3 delivered

Phase 4 in December

Master Plan Migration

Scope/Budget Change

Project Status

Information Center

Modified agile methodology

Enterprise Architecture

Business

Data

Applications

Technology

Contract Tracking System

Part of OASIS, completed Fall 2006

Done in cooperation with DAS

EDGE tracking and data exchange

Quality Assurance Process Enhancement

Bill Taylor introduced Supriya Gali, new OSFC database analyst. A programmer will be hired in the near future.

**4. Maintenance Plans Approval – Presented by Franklin Brown**

Franklin Brown presented four maintenance plans for Commission approval for Cincinnati City School District, Galion City School District and Newton Falls Exempted Village School District. A Maintenance Plan provides the district with a systematic and thorough guide for preventative maintenance of the facility completed under the Commission’s programs. The plan also provides for projections of cost and a prioritization of the recommended maintenance operations. Individual plans are based upon the equipment and materials used in the facility. Recommendations are made concerning maintenance tasks, staffing, continuous education and service contracts. Commission approval of the Maintenance Plan is required for the access to their half-mill maintenance fund. The School Districts having submitted their Maintenance Plans for approval. Staff reviewed the maintenance plans for the districts and they met all the requirements. Resolution 08-147 was recommended for approval.

School District	Buildings Included in the Maintenance Plan
Cincinnati CSD (Hamilton)	Cheviot ES
Cincinnati CSD (Hamilton)	Pleasant Hill ES, Roll Hill ES
Galion CSD (Crawford)	Galion Primary, Galion Intermediate, Galion MS, Galion HS (FINAL PLAN)
Newton Falls EVSD (Trumbull)	Newton Falls ES, Newton Falls MS, Newton Jr/Sr HS (FINAL PLAN)

Mr. Rick Hickman moved to approve Resolution 08-147.

Dr. Puckett seconded the motion.

Approval: Vote 3-0.

**5. Master Facilities Plan Amendments Approval – Presented by Melanie Drerup**

Melanie Drerup presented amendments of two Master Facilities Plans for districts participation in the Vocational Facilities Assistance Program for Commission consideration.

The Pickaway Ross Joint Vocational School District of Ross County had a first amendment of their 2004 Vocational Facilities Assistance Program Master Facilities Plan. This is an increase of \$726,818 due to market conditions which is 4% of the 2004 budget \$17,582,118.

The Pike County Joint Vocational School District of Pike County had a first amendment of their 2004 Vocational Facilities Assistance Program Master Facilities Plan. This is an increase of \$500,000 due to market conditions, which is 3% of the 2004 budget of \$15,818,750.

The project teams and the districts have worked to contain the project cost as evidenced by bids well below the OSDM inflationary adjustment since the 2004 budget. Staff recommends the Commission's approval of Resolution 08-148.

Dr. Puckett asked for further explanation on the market conditions. Melanie Drerup responded that the budgets were set in 2004 and then the project was bid later. Although the design manual has been updated to include approximately 18% inflation, these projects were budgeted and are coming in a little over budget and that is just due to the condition of the market at the time and the number of contractors bidding.

Dr. Puckett moved to approve Resolution 08-148.

Mr. Rick Hickman seconded the motion.

Approval: Vote 3-0.

**6. Architectural Agreements and Amendments Approval – Presented by Steve Berezansky**

Steve Berezansky presented design profession agreements for Commission consideration. The Commission staff reviewed and recommended approval of Resolution 08-149.

Agreements:

School District	Project	Architect	Amount
Clay LSD	Build one new K thru 12 facility	Tanner Stone Holsinger Donges & Company	\$1,242,372.00
Dayton CSD - Seg. 3	New Montessori School PK-8	SFA Architects, Inc.	\$785,126.75
Highland LSD	Build one new high school; renovations/additions to Central Elementary/Highland Middle School; renovations to Highland High School	Michael Schuster Associates	\$2,923,738.25

Northmor LSD	Build one new K thru 12 facility	MKC Associates, Inc.	\$1,791,838.76
Washington Nile LSD	Build one new elementary/middle school facility	Tanner Stone Holsinger Dinges & Company	\$903,026.13

Locally Funded Initiatives:

School District	Project	Architect	Amount
Dayton CSD- Seg. 3	Additional programming area, four additional classrooms and Geopiers consultant	SFA Architects, Inc.	\$96,170.74
Northmor LSD	1,300 seat gymnasium, Board offices and a turn lane	MKC Associates, Inc.	\$86,846.50

Mr. Rick Hickman moved to approve Resolution 08-149.

Dr. Puckett seconded the motion.

Approval: Vote 3-0.

7. **Construction Manager Amendments Approval – Presented by Steve Berezansky**

Steve Berezansky presented the following Construction Manager amendments for Commission approval. The Commission Staff recommended approval of Resolution 08-150.

School District	Construction Management Company	Amount
Wapakoneta CSD	Gilbane Building Company	\$56,373
Lisbon EVSD	R.P. Carbone Company	\$88,000
East Cleveland CSD	R.P. Carbone Company	\$214,153
Mount Healthy CSD	Turner Construction Company	\$120,986

Dr. Puckett moved to approve Resolution 08-150.

Mr. Rick Hickman seconded the motion.

Approval: Vote 3-0.

Steve Berezansky presented the following Construction Manager amendments for “locally funded initiative” for Commission approval. The Commission staff recommended approval of Resolution 08-151.

<u>School District</u>	<u>Construction Manager</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Gorham Fayette LSD	Barton Malow /Rupp Rosebrock LLC	\$21,585
Dayton CSD Seg. 2	Shook Touchstone LLC	\$668,343
Dayton CSD Seg. 3	Shook Touchstone LLC	\$858,162
Eastern LSD (Brown)	Turner Construction Company	\$119,224

Mr. Rick Hickman moved to approve Resolution 08-151.

Dr. Puckett seconded the motion.

Approval: Vote 3-0.

8. **Trade Construction Contracts Approval – Presented by Steve Berezansky**

Steve Berezansky presented trade contracts for Commission approval. All contracts represent the lowest responsible bidder. There is one contract which represents an award to the second low bidder and it is for Youngstown City School District. The apparent low bidder, All Excavating, did not submit the signature page of the bid form with their bid. The low bidder was found to be non-responsive and the bid was rejected. Therefore the contract is being awarded to the second low bidder, Siegel Excavating, LLC. The Commission staff reviewed and recommended approval of Resolution 08-152.

<u>School District</u>	<u>Contracting Entity</u>	<u>Scope Of Work</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
Ada EVSD	Game Time c/o David Williams & Associates, Inc.	Playground Equipment	\$58,762.00
Ada EVSD	Parallel Technologies, Inc.	Telephone System	\$37,247.50
Ada EVSD	Ed Burdus and Company, LLC	Demolition	\$227,333.00
Akron CSD	Continental Office Furniture	Office Furniture	\$266,615.25
Akron CSD	S. A. Comunale Co., Inc.	Plumbing	\$429,587.00
Akron CSD	Speelman Electric, Inc.	Electric/Fire Alarm/Technology	\$1,269,888.00
Akron CSD	S. A. Comunale Co., Inc.	Sprinkler System	\$112,696.00
Akron CSD	Mecon, Inc.	Mech/HVAC	\$1,297,800.00
Akron CSD	A.K.J., Inc./dba Martin Enterprises	Site Work	\$1,079,000.00
Akron CSD	Continental Office Furniture	Classroom Furniture	\$102,809.65
Akron CSD	DVS Builders, Inc.	General Trades	\$2,863,580.00
Cincinnati CSD	B & S Electric Company	MEP Equipment Phase 1 - Switchgear/Panelboards/Transformers	\$1,626,500.00
Cincinnati CSD	York/Johnson Controls	MEP Equipment Phase 1 - Chillers	\$2,023,000.00
Cincinnati CSD	F. D. Lawrence Electric Company	MEP Equipment Phase 2 -Common Light Fixtures	\$1,374,994.18
Cincinnati CSD	Great Lakes Hotel Supply Company	MEP Equipment Phase 2 - Kitchen Equipment	\$2,392,538.00
Cincinnati CSD	Yaskawa Electric America	MEP Equipment Phase 2 - Variable Frequency Drives	\$574,656.67
Cincinnati CSD	Sherman & Schroder Equipment Company, Inc.	MEP Equipment Phase 1 - Hydronic Pumps	\$223,587.00
Cincinnati CSD	Habegger	MEP Equipment Phase 1 - Custom Air Handling Unit - Direct Digital Controls - VAV Boxes	\$7,897,796.00
Cincinnati CSD	J. H. Ballenger Co.	MEP Equipment Phase 1 - Boilers - Condensing/Non-Condensing Combined	\$862,737.00
Cincinnati CSD	AAF-McQuay Inc. dba McQuay International	MEP Equipment Phase 1 - Packaged Air Handling Units	\$2,600,000.00
Cincinnati CSD	Cummins Bridgeway, LLC	MEP Equipment Phase 2 - Emergency Generators - Transfer Switches	\$873,967.00
Cincinnati CSD	Beacon Electric Company	MEP Equipment Phase 2 - Fire Alarm Systems and Devices	\$448,300.00
Cleveland CSD	Down to Earth Landscaping, Inc.	Landscaping	\$46,000.92
Cleveland CSD	Gateway Electric, Inc.	Electrical	\$1,273,300.00
Cleveland CSD	Miles Mechanical, Inc.	HVAC	\$1,874,280.00
Cleveland CSD	Simplex Grinnell LP	Fire Protection	\$139,930.00
Cleveland CSD	Foti Contracting	General Trades	\$5,390,000.00
Cleveland CSD	Foti Contracting	Site Concrete FlatWork	\$164,690.00
Cleveland CSD	Foti Contracting	General Trades	\$6,123,000.00
Cleveland CSD	Commerce Plumbing Company	Plumbing	\$697,750.00
Cleveland CSD	North Coast Paving Company	Asphalt,Concrete and Paving	\$269,000.00
Cleveland CSD	Castle Heating & Air, Inc.	HVAC	\$1,395,000.00
Cleveland CSD	Soehlen Piping Company	Plumbing	\$679,900.00
Cleveland CSD	Corporate Express Business Interiors	Furniture, Fixture and Equipment	\$1,579,052.27
Cleveland CSD	Foti Contracting	Site Concrete Flat Work	\$94,510.00
Cleveland CSD	Great Lakes Crushing, Ltd.	Site Work	\$1,457,541.25
Cleveland CSD	Great Lakes Crushing, Ltd.	Site Work	\$849,000.00
Defiance CSD	Gametime C/O David Williams & Associates	Playground Equipment	\$199,900.00
Hillaboro CSD	Game Time C/O David Williams &	Play Equipment	\$45,995.00

	Associates, Inc.		
Hubbard EVSD	Miller-Yount Paving Inc.	Early Site Grading and Site Development	\$1,208,000.00
Hubbard EVSD	Middleton Geothermal Services, LLC	Geothermal Wellfields	\$1,489,841.00
Ironton CSD	Brewer & Company, Inc.	Fire Suppression	\$268,750.00
Lincolnview LSD	Applied Technologies Group, Inc.	Telephone System	\$56,971.00
Madison LSD	Trucco Construction Company	Early Sitework	\$633,944.00
Mount Healthy CSD	Charles H. Hamilton Company	Sitework	\$2,284,000.00
Ohio Valley LSD	C & T Design and Equipment Co., Inc.	Food Service	\$1,069,360.00
Osnaburg LSD	Fire Foe Corporation	Fire Suppression	\$239,400.00
Osnaburg LSD	Feinman Mechanical, Inc.	Plumbing and Mech/HVAC	\$3,295,667.00
Osnaburg LSD	Wood Electric, Inc.	Electrical/Fire Alarm	\$1,530,128.00
Osnaburg LSD	Jeffrey Carr Construction	Concrete/Masonry - General Trades	\$8,710,100.00
Pymatuning Valley LSD	Acme Arsenal Company, Inc.	Floor Tile Replacement	\$39,000.00
Pymatuning Valley LSD	Ohio Paving and Construction Company, Inc.	Asphalt Replacement and Concrete Walk Replacement	\$450,803.00
South Range LSD	Mark A. Schaffer Excavating & Trucking, Inc.	Early Site Development Grading and Utilities	\$1,414,248.35
Toledo CSD	Warner Mechanical Corporation	HVAC	\$3,947,444.00
Toledo CSD	Accel Fire Systems, Inc.	Fire Protection	\$342,950.00
Toledo CSD	Blaze Contracting, Inc.	Site	\$1,368,000.00
Toledo CSD	Doan/Pyramid, LLC	Technology	\$1,048,231.00
Toledo CSD	Hanks Plumbing & Heating Co.	Plumbing	\$1,111,000.00
Toledo CSD	Mosser Construction, Inc.	General Trades	\$13,560,600.00
Toledo CSD	Transtar Electric, Inc.	Electrical	\$2,627,443.00
Warren CSD	Mr. Excavator	Early Site Development	\$944,600.00
Washington Court House CSD	Continental Office Environments	Library Furnishings	\$110,777.41
Washington Court House CSD	Element IV Interiors	Cafeteria and Loose Furnishings	\$599,710.61
Washington Court House CSD	Zimmerman School Equipment	Miscellaneous Furniture	\$100,940.50
Youngstown CSD	Siegel Excavating, LLC * * *	Demolition	\$88,000.00
Youngstown CSD	Siegel Excavating, LLC * * *	Demolition	\$109,000.00
Zanesville CSD	Professional Plumbing Services, Inc.	Plumbing	\$472,600.00
Zanesville CSD	Accurate Electric Construction, Inc.	Electrical	\$1,165,000.00
Zanesville CSD	Paul Construction Company, Inc.	General Trades	\$6,123,280.00
Zanesville CSD	Farnham Equipment Co.	Casework	\$237,500.00
Zanesville CSD	H & A Mechanical, Inc.	HVAC	\$1,762,000.00
Zanesville CSD	S A Comunale Co., Inc.	Fire Suppression	\$169,650.00
	Lowest Responsible, Second Low Bidder * * *	TOTAL	\$109,501,182.56

Dr. Puckett moved to approve Resolution 08-152.

Mr. Rick Hickman seconded the motion.

Approval: Vote 3-0.

#### 9. Authority to File Suit Approval – Presented by Jerry Kasai

Jerry Kasai presented one authority to file suit to the Commission for approval.

Spectrum Controls was the HVAC controls contractor on a number of the Portsmouth City School District projects. Spectrum Controls went out of business and there was still an excess of \$20,000 in retainage being held to cover some of the unfinished work. The holder of the retainage escrow trust account, US Bank, disbursed the retainage in contravention of the escrow agreement to an individual who claimed to have the authority of Spectrum Controls. Even if he did have authority on behalf of Spectrum, the escrow agreement set forth the circumstances upon which the retainage could be

released, which this situation did not fit. US Bank currently refuses to return the funds it wrongfully released.

Senator Mumper asked if we are successful getting the money back and then they meet the circumstances upon which the retainage could be released, would they get the money back. Jerry Kasai responded that they would not. During the contract of Spectrum Controls, they left a number of issues of work unfinished. That retainage money was meant to cover the work that Spectrum Controls had left unfinished.

Mr. Rick Hickman moved to approve Resolution 08-153.  
Dr. Puckett seconded the motion.  
Approval: Vote 3-0.

#### **10. Settlement Agreements Approval– Presented by Jerry Kasai**

Jerry Kasai presented two settlement agreements for Commission approval.

The Claymont City School District middle school project was constructed in the CFAP Program, occupied in 1999 and the District is now closed out. The HVAC cooling system never seemed to work. Recently the District contacted OSFC. After review it was determined that designer had never performed a cooling load calculation, which caused the system to not work correctly in some parts of the building because the cooling system was undersized. The architect has offered to partially settle the matter at this time and has agreed to fund the redesign of the system. The parties have agreed to further discuss the cost of the remediation. The Commission Staff recommended approval of Resolution 08-154.

Chair Sabety asked with being halfway through settlement negotiations are we optimistic that the company will come to the table with further funds to offset the cost for a more suitable system. Jerry Kasai responded up to this point, MKC has dealt with this issue in a forthright, good faith manner. We have no reason to believe that they will not continue to deal with us in good faith.

Chair Sabety asked if MKC or Fanning Howey did the design. Jerry Kasai responded that Fanning Howey designed the high school and MKC designed the middle school. MKC took the exact design from the high school and they utilized that same design in the load calculations. MKC should have re-calculated the load.

Senator Mumper asked could we legally take money from an architect on one school district to pay where they are doing badly on another school district. Jerry Kasai responded that OSFC does not hold the actual contract with the architect. The school district holds the money and these are separate school districts, separate treasurers, separate funds that money is being paid out of. Theoretically we cannot withhold money from School District A to force a settlement on School District B. We cannot ask a school district to make up money to another school district; however, we can use our economic leverage. We have withheld money for payment of our share and let a school district pay their local share to a contractor. Director Shoemaker added that one of the things that we have told all of our partners (contractors, architects and construction managers, etc.) that work with us is that we have to move the process along. We have had a condition where someone said they absolutely were not going to pay that money. That is when we feel we have the right to come in and be pretty tough and say for the meantime we are not going to fund our portion. If the district wants to hire them that is fine, but they are going to have to pay for that. If this company walks away before they get the second part of the settlement, we would exercise that right. We try to assure them that we are being fair with them. We put all of our cards on the table and ask them to do the same thing and just help move the process along. Paralysis of analysis is the thing that districts have talked about. Sometimes they get tied up in

litigation without us and then the firm just starves the district out and we do not want that to happen. We want them to know that we are there with them trying to negotiate the settlement.

Chair Sabety commented it is a balance of due process and something we have been focusing on for months, which is how to use the instrumentality that we have as a major market force in the state to ensure that we are getting the highest quality we can. There is a gray area here that we have to be fairly judicious about how we use the formal and informal tools before us.

Dr. Puckett moved to approve Resolution 08-154.

Mr. Rick Hickman seconded the motion.

Approval: Vote 3-0.

The Jackson City School District is a settlement with CTL Engineering. CTL was the geotechnical engineer and it was a situation where the soil was mislabeled by CTL. At Southview Elementary School, the masonry incurred a lot of cracking and displacement. We determined that part of the issues were due to CTL's mislabeling of the soil conditions and part due to the architectural design that failed to adequately put control joints in the proper places per the building code. We are currently in litigation with both the architect and the soils engineer. This is a settlement with the soils engineer. The entire cost of the fix for the building was approximately \$400,000. The settlement is for \$110,000. We fully expect the remainder of that amount to come from the architect. We went through two mediations and the settlement was recently reached. Subsequent to that, they started negotiating in good faith. We reached a settlement for what we believe was a fair percentage on their part. The Commission Staff recommended approval of Resolution 08-155.

Chair Sabety asked if this was a fair representation of CTL's fault in the matter. Jerry Kasai responded that you could go through a number of principled exercises to see whose ratio belongs to what, but based on our best estimate and expert consultant's opinions we believe the majority of the fault lay with MCB, the architect and that CTL was a contributing factor to the issues at Jackson.

Senator Roberts asked who was looking out for the best interest for the School Facilities to say that what was done was done the right way. Jerry Kasai responded with respect to a cooling load calculation, which is a complex mathematical thing, this school was designed in 1998 and it was finished in 2002. That was prior to the Commission implementing mandatory commissioning services. We now have commissioning services that cover HVAC all the way from design until the building is occupied and making sure the system is operational and working at its peak efficiencies. We are also looking into having extra Commissioning, for example, in areas such as technology and roof designs. These are areas which we have seen issues more so than with steel. We are attempting to deal with that specific type of issue. We are attempting to build into our process backstops to back up when somebody falls down. There are mistakes that are made in construction all the time and it is a question of who is watching the store. Our construction managers should be walking the job everyday. If they see masonry without flashing being installed correctly, they should point it out. They are the backstop for a lot of quality issues. Our architects are going to have additional contract administration responsibilities. Our architects will be on our jobs instead of 8 hours a week, possibly 16 – 24 hours and this will be reflected in our architectural agreements and will allow them to see that the building is being built the way it was designed. There are other kinds of techniques that we are attempting to implement in terms of building a masonry wall: by building a mock up we can make sure it is understood what is expected and would be put in the plans and specs; what is the quality we expect; how do we want the grouting to look and how is this color going to look so the owner can look at a small mock up to say whether he thinks it is going to work or not work. We are trying to build in backstops in everything that is going on because it is not a perfect world and construction is certainly

not a perfect science even though we try to make it a perfect science all the time. We have room for improvement. We are looking at ourselves and looking to see what we can do to make ourselves better everyday. Sometimes it is a painful thing to do, but it is something we have to do and we are trying to move in that direction.

Mr. Rick Hickman moved to approve Resolution 08-155.

Dr. Puckett seconded the motion.

Approval: Vote 3-0.

### 13. Public Testimony

Mr. Dirk Adams provided the Commission with a packet of information regarding the Newton Local School District of Miami County. Mr. Adams asked the following questions: what is the current status of the building project at Newton Schools and how can the Newton School District modify from build new to renovate; (see attached).

Director Shoemaker responded to Mr. Adams first question. There is a one-year offer to the school district to access the funds. They have one year to pass their levy and begin the process. The school district has passed that levy and has committed to taking those funds. They do not have longer than one year to decide to be fair to other districts so that one district does not hold up other districts. That does not mean that they would not be eligible in the future. The problem is the uncertainty in terms of what the regulations might be next year, where they might be on the equity list priority wise and in terms of percentage. If a school district does not act that first year to access that money, the school district is taking a risk.

Director Shoemaker responded to Mr. Adams second question and suggested that Mr. Adams contact Melanie Drerup, Deputy Chief of Planning, to get the assessment for Newton Local School District. The assessment showed over an 85% renovation cost compared to new construction. The existing buildings are about 28,000 square feet bigger than what the manual would specify for a new build, so the district is then penalized for that 28,000 square feet. The district ends up paying \$5 million on a local funded initiative that OSFC would not support co-funding. Again, that is to be fair to all districts so that one district does not have a building bigger than another district. The fact that the assessment is approaching that 100% figure, OSFC will co-fund up to 100%, after that it is entirely the districts cost. It is cheaper in this case to build new than it is to remodel simply because of the oversize space and the cost of the renovation.

Director Shoemaker also responded to a question from Mr. Adams handout regarding why there is interest on repair of buildings being charged. Senator Roberts asked if there was something on the November ballot. Mr. Adams responded that the November ballot was petitioned for two issues: a reduction of 2 mills to .25 mills to stop the building because they will not be able to afford the ½ mill maintenance that is required unless it is amended. The other issue was repealing the 1% income tax, which is currently 1.75%. Director Shoemaker responded that the district owns the buildings that are left. We put in an allowance for demolition. If they choose not to demo, the choice of the use of the building is the district's decision. We are building space for the children. Newton's proposal is building new space for all the children.

Representative Szollosi asked on the 2 mill operation levy if the effort was to reduce it to .25 mill and wondered if there was a separate millage already in place to operate the existing school. Mr. Adams responded the existing structure is figured into the 20 mill that the state takes from the land owner, plus the .75 operational income tax. Representative Szollosi asked if you vote yes to reduce the 2 mill to .25 mill will that still leave you enough to operate the existing facility, but not the new facility. Mr. Adams responded that is correct, we are looking to renovate. Chair Sabety responded that this is a very small school district. The literature given to us raises a lot of important questions for a school district of 500 students and shrinking. We will make available to you the school building assessment that was done. The promise of a new building is that it is right sized for the size of the school district

and uses newer technologies that allow you to lower the operation and maintenance costs so that overall the monies from the levies the taxpayers are paying is focused on teachers, which is the most important ingredient involving the school systems.

That is the public policy goal that we are all aiming towards. There are a lot of changes going on at the Newton Local School District, a lot of information and misinformation. Director Shoemaker commented that the committee had raised the issue of the 2/3rd's rule. We looked at this assessment and we would not have recommended a variance on that due to the condition of the building.

Mr. Adam commented that when the architect was addressed about the roof structures and asked if research was done on the maintenance cost on conventional and flat roof systems and the answer was no. Our main maintenance costs are maintaining the flat roof structures and the architect said that the membranes were fine. When you walk out of the media room, the 1999 addition shows leakage through the ceiling tiles. I know that is an issue at this Commission and roofs are very expensive to repair. At the new structure it is a single level roof is proposed, it is all flat roof except for the gymnasium. The question Mr. Adams really wanted to have answered is what do we do with the 1999 addition. May we use it for academic purposes. Director Shoemaker responded that the 1999 addition would be the choice of the district, OSFC would not do any work on that. We would have to make sure the new building contained all the amenities necessary for the children. Mr. Adams asked if we can use it forthright and openly as academic space and has the Commission looked into whether or not a district can actually afford to maintain a 32,000 square foot property that will not be used for teaching our students and put that on the taxpayer as a burden for the next levy to say we are going to have to cut sports or this or that because we are maintaining a structure that really is not needed any longer and we are still paying for it until 2016. Director Shoemaker responded that is entirely a local decision. Our ½ mill maintenance levy is to operate existing educational facility, either renovated or new. Anything in excess of that is not considered in that ½ mill and is a local decision on how they will maintain it. That is the reason we offer the demolition allowance so they do not have a white elephant out there they cannot maintain.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 PM.



J. Paul Sabety, Chair

These meeting minutes were prepared by:  
Carolyn McClure  
Executive Assistant  
Ohio School Facilities Commission

# Ohio School Facilities Commission Meeting

## Witness Form

Name: DIRK ADAMS Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Testimony Subject:

- NEWTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MIAMI CO. MISREPRESENTS OSFC POLICY FOR PASSAGE OF BUILDING (NEW)

- QUESTIONS

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Will you be providing handouts/materials? YES

**\*\*\*Please return the Witness Form and ten (10) copies of your testimony and materials to the Committee Secretary prior to testifying.\*\*\***

## **SAVING NEWTON SCHOOL BUILDING AND OUR COMMUNITY**

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Fair Tax Alliance Presents the Ohio School Facilities Commission Board with:

- Newton Local School District of Miami County Misrepresentation of OSFC Policy to Local Voters.
- Questions:
  1. What is the Current Status of Building Project at Newton School?
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  4. Why is the Spending of Facility Renewal Monies Time Limited?
  5. Why does the OSFC Charge Interest on Repairs of Buildings?

Thank You.

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# FAIR TAX ALLIANCE

## MISSION –

- 1) VOTE FOR WHAT WE THE PEOPLE OF NEWTON LSD, MIAMI CO. CAN AFFORD.
- 2) INFORM THE COMMUNITY OF THE FUNDING OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO OUR NEWTON SCHOOL DISTRICT THROUGH THE OHIO SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMISSION (OSFC)<sup>1</sup>
- 3) SAVE AND RENOVATE OUR HISTORICAL K-12 NEWTON SCHOOL BUILDING<sup>2</sup>.

## SHORT TERM GOALS –

- 1) RECEIVE NEWTON SCHOOL BOARD'S FULL ATTENTION WITH;  
**YES to REDUCE 2 MILL to .25 MILL and FOR REPEAL of the 1% INCOME TAX**
- 2) REQUEST THE BOARD TO TERMINATE THE UNNECESSARY AND UNWANTED NEW BUILDING PROJECT.
- 3) SUPPORT THE COMPLETE RENOVATION OF EXISTING SCHOOL BUILDING WITH UP TO 100% REPLACEMENT FUNDING FROM THE OSFC USING CLASSROOM FACILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CFAP)<sup>3</sup> UNDER THE NEW SEGMENTING PROGRAM.<sup>4</sup>
- 4) ASK COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CONTACT THE OSFC IN SUPPORT OF A RENOVATION PLAN.

*(Phone, fax photos, email the OSFC expressing the unnecessary destruction of OUR Building)*

## LONG TERM GOALS –

- 1) RETURN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ALL THE PEOPLE, VOTE IN BOARD MEMBERS THAT UPHOLD THE PROPER LEADERSHIP ROLE AND HOLD ACCOUNTABLE ANY ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYED BY THE PEOPLE OF THIS DISTRICT TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS.
- 2) ENCOURAGE TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BOARD MEMBERS AND ALL THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY REPRESENT, NECESSARY FOR FUTURE SUPPORT.
- 3) BOOST STAGNANT STUDENT ENROLLMENT NUMBERS (-17.7%)<sup>5</sup>, BY PERSONAL PUBLIC RELATIONSHIP OUTREACH.
- 4) MANDATE THAT HISTORICAL BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS BE KEPT CURRENT AND ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC.

## CURRENT ISSUE REVIEW–

- 1) DEMOLISHING K-12 BUILDING WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE 1999 ADDITION (9 Class rooms and Gymnasium\* without Independent Electrical Service and Heating System, Currently Supplied by the Updated Systems Housed in the Main School Building Slated for Destruction).
- 2) BUILD THE UNNECESSARY NEW K-12 BUILDING.
- 3) SCHOOL LEADERS EVADE PRECONDITION TERMS SET BY OSFC OF ABANDONING THE 1999 ADDITION FOR ACADEMICS, WHEN COMMUNITY BECOMES AWARE OF PLANS FOR THE CIVIC CENTER<sup>6</sup>. (1999 Building Addition Pay off 2016).
- 4) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF 1999 ADDITION FALLS TO THE TAX PAYER AS AN EXTRA OVERHEAD EXPENSE.
- 5) THE "BUTTONING UP"<sup>7</sup> OF THE 1999 ADDITION, AT LOCAL EXPENSE OF \$400,000.00, IS UNDER BUDGETED. See back for more...

## CURRENT ISSUE REVIEW—Continued...

- 6) SCHOOL INFORMATION MAILING SENT ONLY TO SELECT RECIPIENTS.
- 7) SCHOOL OFFICIALS HEAVILY RELY ON OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS, DISREGARDING LOCAL INPUTS AS MISINFORMED AND UNWORTHY OF CONSIDERATION.
- 8) 30 ACRES OF LAND JOINING EAST SCHOOL PROPERTY LINE PURCHASED BY NEWTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, TIMING OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL OFFICIALS IN QUESTION.
- 9) OSFC MEETING RECORDS REVEAL TESTIMONIES GIVEN BY MANY SCHOOL OFFICIALS THAT THE WORK TO NEW BUILDINGS IS SUBSTANDARD; HVAC SYSTEMS UNDER RATED FOR BUILDING SIZE, YEARS OF UNFINISHED WORK, CONTRACT DISPUTES AND LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY. OHIO SENATOR SHARES CONCERNS, ADDS **"Make sure we build buildings to last 30 to 40 years"**. (28 Aug 2008 Meeting)
- 10) \$6,442,118.00 + INTEREST FOR 28 YEARS, DEBT FOR A BUILDING WE DO NOT NEED.

## DISTRICT REMEDY—

- 1) WE HAVE A SOLID, BEAUTIFUL, WELL POSITIONED SCHOOL BUILDING IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WILL SERVE OUR NEEDS WELL INTO THE FUTURE. LET US COME TOGETHER IN AGREEMENT TO **RENOVATE/UPDATE** AND TEACH OUR CHILDREN MORE THAN ANY SCHOOL BOOK CAN.
- 2) LEARN FROM OUR OWN AND OTHER OHIO SCHOOL DISTRICT CHALLENGES<sup>vi</sup> AND MOLD A SOLUTION TO FIT OUR SPECIFIC NEEDS, WITHOUT MIRRORING LARGER COMMUNITY PRODUCTIONS.

## REFERENCE:

<sup>vi</sup> **Abandon the 1999 Gymnasium and Classroom Wing of 32,000 sq. ft. for academic use (however, it may be used for before and after school activities and other school related non-academic uses) OPTIONS FOR EXISTING 1999 ADDITION:** 1999 gym, locker rooms, and associated spaces available for evening, athletic, and community use; **Potential additional uses for the 1999 building-** Head Start/Pre-School-Day Care-ESC Units-Storage and Maintenance space-Partnerships with community organization-Board Offices-Other? (Information Provided by Newton Schools 20 Aug 2007 Presentation)

### **Newton's Plan for facilities after the OSFC project is completed:**

- The plan is to connect the new building to the 1999 addition for the total K-12 Facility.
- The new building will house all the elementary classes. All classroom spaces in the new building will be utilized.
- There will still be a need to utilize the classrooms in the 99 addition for instruction. Board offices will be located in the 99 addition. (Newton Plan Revised by Administration March 2008, after Public becomes aware of the Misallocation of Educational Funds to Support Civic Activities)

<sup>vii</sup> **BRADFORD SCHOOLS:** July 2008, Borrow \$463,181.00 Including 4.0% Interest for 10yrs. from OSCF for new CO<sub>2</sub> Ventilation System, Retrofit Building Controls, HVAC Drives and Controls, Vending Machine Controls, Solar Panel. (New Building less than 10 yrs old, Operation/Maintenance-Heating, Cooling & Fresh Air Systems Major Expenditures in Mandated New Building Requirements)

COURTESY OF AND PAID FOR BY FAIR TAX ALLIANCE APPROVED BY RALPH JOHNSON, TREASURER

<sup>i</sup> OSFC Contact Information: 614.466.6290; 614.466.7749; [www.osfc.state.oh.us](http://www.osfc.state.oh.us) ; 10 West Broad Street, Suite 1400, Columbus, Ohio 43215

<sup>ii</sup> OSFC Resource Guide: [www.osfc.state.oh.us](http://www.osfc.state.oh.us)—Library-Publications-Resource Guide: (Click on Overview) Section 7.7

<sup>iii</sup> OSFC Resource Guide; Section 5.1.1

<sup>iv</sup> OSFC Policy; Segmenting Program, 25 September 2008

<sup>v</sup> Data current as of Feb-08, Source: The Ohio Department of Education

<sup>vi</sup> See Above References, this Information Distributed via Newton Building Planning Meetings by Newton School and Architect

<sup>vii</sup> See Above References, Public Record <http://www.osfc.state.oh.us/home/commission.html> (Also See Statutes & Rules)

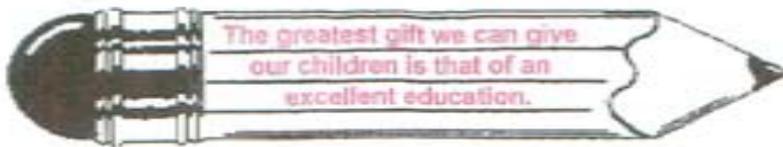
<sup>viii</sup> Only the Gymnasium is Equipped with Independent Heat System











## Please, we need your help!

The Newton Local School has long had a tradition of academic excellence. The community takes great pride in that tradition, and in the students, for they are our future. You can do your part to keep this excellent tradition alive! Your YES vote on March 19th will help-

- 1 Keep our kindergarten and/or 1st grade classes within the school building and not in church basements or mobile units.
- 2 Provide facilities that promote student academic levels, which are excellent as seen with the recent proficiency test results.
- 3 Create a community center which will benefit citizens of all ages.
- 4 Benefit families by reducing before school and late evening extra-curricular practices.
- 5 Keep Newton a school we can all be proud of into the 21st century.

**VOTE YES  
ON MARCH 19, 1996**

# The Newton Local School District

## *Newton Pride Build On It!*

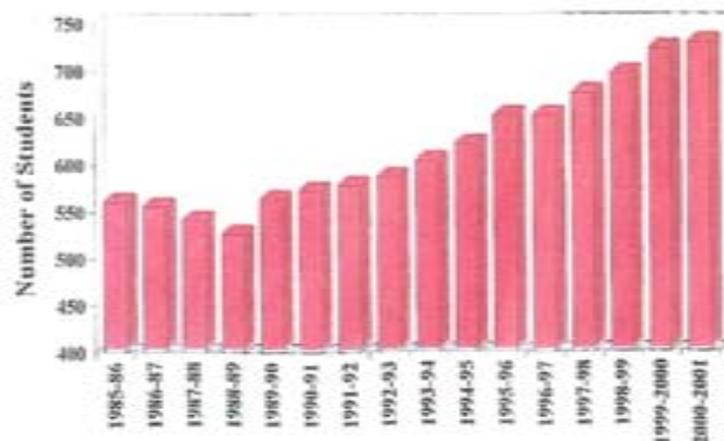


**Vote YES for the  
4.9 Mill Bond Issue  
On March 19, 1996**

## Bond issue recommended by citizens study committee.

The architectural firm of Steed, Hammond, and Paul compiled a study of past, current, and projected enrollments in the school district, current building utilization, and cost for various solutions. Twenty five local citizens volunteered to serve on a committee to review the results of this study and to formulate a recommendation to the Board of Education. On December 7th the committee unanimously recommended to the board that nine classrooms, a gymnasium, and minor renovations to the cafeteria were needed. The board in turn unanimously approved the recommendation and placed a 4.9 mill bond issue on the March ballot.

### Enrollment History and Projections



1985-1996 Actual, 1997-2001 Projected

\*Projected enrollments were determined by live birth rates, current enrollment, enrollment survival rates, and new housing starts in the school district.

## How much is the proposed tax going to cost?

There is obviously a realistic concern regarding the cost of the project. The total cost of \$2,650,000 will require 4.9 mills over 25 years to finance. Translating that cost to the individual taxpayer is best described on the following table.

Market Value (land&bldgs.)	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$100,000
Assessed Value (35%)	\$17,500	\$26,250	\$35,000
Bond Issue	4.9 mill	4.9mill	4.9mill
Less P.I. Levy*	-.8 mill)	-.8 mill)	-.8 mill)
Increase of 4.1 mill	\$71.75	\$107.63	\$143.50
Less 10% Roll Back	-(7.18)	-(10.76)	-(14.35)
Less 2.5% Home Stead	-(1.79)	-(2.69)	-(3.59)
Net Annual Increase	\$62.78	\$94.18	\$125.56
Monthly Cost	\$5.23	\$7.85	\$10.46

Individual inquiries should be directed to the county auditors office.

\* Currently we are in the last collection year of a .8 mill permanent improvement levy. The Board of Education will let that issue expire and not ask for a renewal if the bond issue passes in March. This will offset a percentage of the 4.9 mill increase.

NOTE: There is no May election this year. The presidential primary is in March so the bond issue is part of that primary and not a special election.

If you need more information? Please Call:



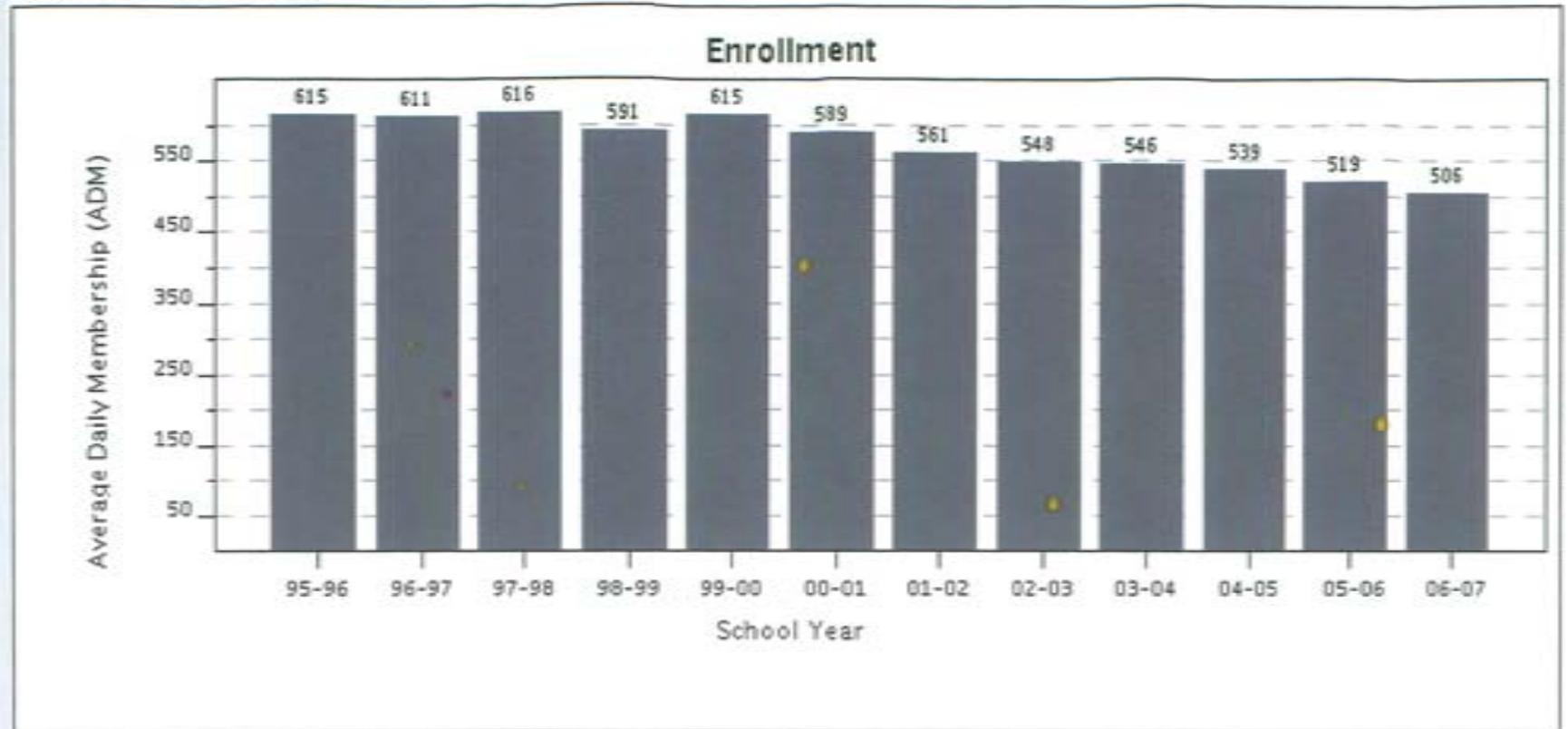
Ohio General Assembly

District Selection

- Per Pupil Revenue
- Total Revenue
- Per Pupil Expenditure
- Total Expenditure
- Enrollment

## School Funding by District

District: **Newton Local SD - Miami**



Overall % Change Enrollment

-17.7%

[\\*Data Tables and Definitions](#)

Data current as of Feb-08.

Source: [The Ohio Department of Education](#)

For best results, use landscape orientation to print the chart pages.  
 Email questions to the [Legislative Service Commission](#).

## Questions and Answers – Newton 2007 Bond Issue

### Why is the state offering Newton \$11,000,000 at this time?

In the mid-1990's Ohio's Schools were deemed the 48<sup>th</sup> worst in the country in regard to facilities. The OSFC program was started, using primarily tobacco money to address this problem. Two hundred seven (207) schools have already received their money. Newton ranks 226 on the list. It is now Newton's turn!!

### Our Chance To Claim State Money

Area schools that have already approved OSFC projects include:  
Mississinawa Valley, Fairlawn, Ansonia, Bradford, Mad River, Tri-Village, Tecumseh, Ft. Loramie, Brookville, Eaton, St. Henry, Marion Local, Brookville, Ft Recovery.

Those eligible this year include;  
Arcanum, Botkins, Milton-Union, Hardin-Houston

### Why does Newton need a new school?

We have computer labs, special education classes, and a preschool that require additional classroom space. A large portion of our school building is 85 years old and in need of major repair and/or renovation in order to meet state mandates/codes. This program gives us an opportunity to take care of our space needs for the next 50+ years and allows the state to pick up 63% of the cost.

### Why can't we renovate the old building?

The OSFC (who is providing \$11 million) requires that all buildings be brought up to current standards. It would have cost 99% of the cost of building new to bring the old building up to current standards. The question becomes, "Is it wiser to renovate/repair an 85 year old building funded solely by local tax money or build a new facility that will be funded largely by state money (63%)?"

### Has Newton considered consolidation?

All small school districts face this question from time to time or whenever a major decision like this has to be made. Newton is an excellent school district with tax rates comparable to other districts. Why would we want to consolidate? All districts involved in a consolidation must agree. Where would the high school be? Which district's taxes would we pay and other questions make this idea practically impossible. Besides, there would be little if any tax savings and the residents of Newton would lose local control over the school and its operation.

### If the Bond Issue passes does Newton have enough money to operate well into the future without asking for more money?

Newton has a good five year financial forecast. Conservative spending coupled with routine scrutiny of operating costs have allowed for modest growth in the carryover balance. We expect this trend to continue. We anticipate slight operating cost increases with the new building. However, we are confident that we have the funds to operate for many years with our current stream of revenue.

### I don't have kids or grandkids in school. Why should I be supportive?

One: Good schools protect property values. Two: voters in 1922, 1939, 1958, 1965 and 1999 were willing to support their community by supporting their school. Now it's up to you.

### What will happen to the old building if the issue passes?

The OSFC will co-fund turning the old building into a green space, parking lots, whatever the residents of the district want.

### Can any part of the building be kept?

The design will allow for "tie-in" into the 1999 addition and soccer fields will be kept or replaced.

### What will the school look like?

It takes 4 to 6 months of work to develop the design. The community, board, and staff will decide what all interior and exterior space will look like. We expect a conservative and energy efficient design that utilizes the most effective use of space. (i.e. Mississinawa Valley K-12 Bldg.) The new school building will be solidly constructed but absolutely no Taj Mahal!

### How many gyms will we have?

The new building will most likely include one gym. Tying in with the 1999 addition will then give the district two gyms which is what we presently have. Designing a new building with only one gym and keeping our current high school gym will give the district more space for classrooms.

### What happens if the Bond Issue Does Not Pass?

Newton's only guaranteed the \$11,000,000 in state money for this school year. If the levy is defeated, costs will go up by \$400,000 and the Board would have to decide if they want to try again in March of 2008. Since the scope of the project cannot change, additional cost will translate into higher tax rates if the Board should choose to put the issue on the ballot again.

### What about senior citizens or disabled or fixed income residents?

There is wonderful news here! Due to a change in the homestead exemption act this year, the first \$25,000 of everyone's home over 65 is exempt from property taxes. THAT MEANS THAT THE AVERAGE SENIOR CITIZEN HOMEOWNER IN NEWTON CAN VOTE YES AND EXPECT A TAX DECREASE IN JULY OF 2008!

### If our schools are in such poor condition, why haven't they been maintained better?

They have been well maintained. However, after 85 years of service several areas of the building are in dire need of attention. Entry doors need replaced, much of the roof over the older buildings need replaced. Estimates range from \$65,000 to \$90,000 on the roof over the old gym and \$58,000 to \$240,000 over another part of the building. Window replacement and major tuck pointing on the older buildings are now critical. This opportunity will give us 50+ years of minimal maintenance. Any maintenance cost in the future will be paid for by setting aside a half mil solely for maintenance of the new facility.

### How long will the funds be available? Might we get a better deal in the future?

The money is in the state budget for this school year. There is NOT a better opportunity coming ...

### What is the plan?

The plan calls for a new 88,000 square foot K-12 building close to the 1999 addition which will be kept and to remove the older portions of the building and turn that area into parking and/or green space areas.

### How much will it cost?

The bond issue on the November ballot will ask voters for a total of 9.46 mills. The additional tax increase to home owners are indicated in the following chart.

<u>Home Value</u>	<u>Semi-Annual Cost</u>	<u>Monthly Cost</u>	<u>Daily Cost</u>
\$ 50,000	\$70.98	\$12.07	.39
\$100,000	\$143.78	\$24.14	.79
\$150,000	\$214.76	\$36.21	\$1.18

### How can I obtain additional information?

Come to the community meetings on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and/or November 1<sup>st</sup> to be held in the Jr. High Gym at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Pat Mc Bride at 676-3271 or visit the web site at [www.newton.k12.oh.us](http://www.newton.k12.oh.us)

Q: Will Newton have to ask for more operating money in the future if a bond issue is passed for a building project?

A: A building project will have a very little (maybe no) negative effect on the operating costs of the district. However, whether a building project is undertaken or not, Newton may have to ask for additional revenue in the form of tax increases. Cost associated with wages/benefits, fuel costs, utility costs, capital outlay, unfunded mandates (Jared's Law – bus seat belts, standing water on roofs, window replacement, Core Curriculum, etc, etc, etc) continue to rise at a faster rate than revenue rises.

Q: What is the Newton school district doing to control costs/increase revenue?

A: The administration is looking to trim operating costs by reducing personnel costs. Staff may be reduced through attrition, reductions in force, and by combining jobs. Staffing levels will then be at minimum levels. Grants and donations have been taken advantage of. Cost cutting is examined at every level of operation. Newton is also exploring new ways to increase enrollment by possibly starting a preschool and doing some marketing to cut the open enrollment deficit.

Q: Will Newton be asking for a Permanent Improvement Levy in the near future?

A: If the community decides not to take advantage of the OSFC funds, Newton will ask voters to approve a 2.5 – 3.00 mill PI levy. This is the pay as you go plan. This must be done to add financial stability to the district. Newton is in a precarious position as we “hold off” on capital improvements until we know what the public wants. If Newton passes a bond issue for construction, a PI levy will not be necessary.

Q: Why is it when districts build new schools with OSFC money they run into financial problems?

A: Remember the poorer districts where funded by the OSFC first. Because of Ohio's funding formula and over reliance on property taxes, poorer districts have lower property values that do not generate enough revenue to fund the daily operations of their schools. These districts would be experiencing financial problems regardless of their new buildings. Their financial problems are usually not a result of their construction/new building costs.

Q: Are there any solutions in sight to the school funding problems in Ohio?

A: There may be some relief in the near future. A new Governor has proposed an increase in school funding. A constitutional amendment has also been proposed that may offer answers to our funding problem. However, until solutions take affect, school must continue to generate revenue by traditional methods.

**NEWTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

FUND NAME	MILLAGE	MILLAGE	TOTAL	EFF RATE	EFF RATE	TRF	TRF	TAX YR	TAX YR	MO/DAYR
	INSIDE	OUTSIDE	RATE	AGR/RES	OTHER	AGR/RES	OTHER	FIRST	LEVY	LEVY
	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	LEVIED	EXPIRES	VOTED
GENERAL	5.70	0.00	5.70	5.700000	5.700000					
GENERAL		24.10	24.10	10.832396	10.930917	0.550523	0.546435	1976	CONT	00/00/76
GENERAL		6.00	6.00	3.467610	3.369096	0.422065	0.438484	1981	CONT	00/00/81
GENERAL		0.00	0.00	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000			
<b>TOT GENERAL</b>	<b>5.70</b>	<b>30.10</b>	<b>35.80</b>	<b>20.000006</b>	<b>20.000013</b>					
<b>CAP-IMPRV-CF</b>		<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>1.767100</b>	<b>1.849528</b>	<b>0.116450</b>	<b>0.075238</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>CONT</b>	<b>11/06/07</b>
<b>TOT CAP IMPRV</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>1.767100</b>	<b>1.849528</b>	<b>0.116450</b>	<b>0.075238</b>			
<b>BOND RETIRE</b>		<b>3.50</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>3.500000</b>	<b>3.500000</b>	<b>0.000000</b>	<b>0.000000</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>11/04/97</b>
<b>BOND RETIRE-CF</b>		<b>6.65</b>	<b>6.65</b>	<b>6.650000</b>	<b>6.650000</b>	<b>0.000000</b>	<b>0.000000</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2034</b>	<b>11/06/07</b>
<b>TOT BOND RETIRE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10.15</b>	<b>10.15</b>	<b>10.150000</b>	<b>10.150000</b>					
<b>TOTAL NEWTON</b>	<b>5.70</b>	<b>42.25</b>	<b>47.95</b>	<b>31.917106</b>	<b>31.999541</b>					
<b>UPPER VALLEY JVS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>1.261937</b>	<b>1.405781</b>	<b>0.158709</b>	<b>0.062813</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>CONT</b>	<b>03/07/00</b>
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.40</b>	<b>2.40</b>	<b>0.770810</b>	<b>1.114080</b>	<b>0.678829</b>	<b>0.535800</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>CONT</b>	<b>06/07/77</b>
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.492593</b>	<b>0.714625</b>	<b>0.507407</b>	<b>0.285375</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>CONT</b>	<b>11/06/90</b>
<b>BOND</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.450000</b>	<b>0.450000</b>	<b>0.000000</b>	<b>0.000000</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>11/04/03</b>
<b>TOTAL JVS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5.35</b>	<b>5.35</b>	<b>2.975340</b>	<b>3.684436</b>					

**LEVY HISTORY:**

March 19, 1996 4.90 mills (bond retirement) 25 years failed

May 7, 1996 4.90 mills (bond retirement) 25 years failed

November 5, 1996 4.99 mills (bond retirement) 25 years failed

February 4, 1997 4.99 mills (bond retirement) 25 years - failed

November 4, 1997 4.63 mills (bond retirement) 19 years - Passed \$2,150,000

November 7, 2006 .75% Inc Tax 3 years effective TY2006-2008

November 6, 2007 Classroom Facility Bond Issue - 7.46 mills effective TY2007 for 28 years, CAP IMPRV-cont-2 mills effective TY2007