Minutes of the December 3, 2020- Facilities Advisory Committee:

The Facilities Advisory Committee of the Board of Education of District Township High School District 227 met virtually at 6:00 pm on December 3, 2020 via zoom conference.

Attendees: Andrea Bonds, Johnnie Thomas, Glen Wysong, H. Brummel, Alicia Evans, Jimmy Akintonde, Nick Hale, Marcus Chapman, Eric Schwab, Jennifer Constanzo, Randy Alexander, Steve Moore, Andre Allen

Start - 6:05 p.m.

Welcome – Dr. Evans welcomed the group and introduced the district partner newcomers to the group including Jimmy Akintonde (Ujamma). He spoke to the committee and talked about the history of the company and some of the major projects the construction company has built. He also talked about diversity being at all levels within his company. Mr. Akintonde noted that contractors are in the Southland area, but opportunities must be over advertised because of the virtual environment.

Mr. Randy Alexander also attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – September 2020 minutes were approved. There were no minutes from October or November because of lack of quorum during those months.

Discussion of Phase II – Plans and drawings were presented to the committee by Jennifer Constanzo (STR Partners), which include STEM Campus: Manufacturing space, large group instruction spaces, faculty space, and secure entry. Also, there was discussion about HVAC, unit-vents, roof replacement, and toilet rooms improvements. FAC Campus: the overall project plan was presented including, HVAC, roof replacement, toilet rooms improvements, music space, main entrance, and faculty space. Science rooms at both campuses will be done in the summer of 2022.

The committee members discussed the manufacturing space. It was suggested by Mr. Brummel that a 3D model be used as an illustration of the space while it is being constructed. Mr. Hale wanted to know if digital or computer design would be taught in the space, so that students can learn about the inner workings of PLC and/or ATMs. More information was given by Dr. Thomas about the use of newly constructed spaces and the desire to welcome the community into these spaces.
A question about the 2021 construction budget estimate was raised by one of the members. The committee was told that the projects are still in the conceptual phase. When the projects move out of the conceptual phase, a budget will be established.

**Minority Engagement Meeting** – The engagement meeting will be virtual and is planned for December 9, 2020 in preparation to the next bid release in December. Notice information about the meeting was sent directly to known minority contractors to increase participation. The committee members expressed happiness about the minority contractors being included in the bid process.

**Subcommittee Update on Minority Contractor Recruitment and Engagement**

Update: The committee stated that the best update is having Ujamma partner with Pepper to ensure minority participation and the higher levels. In addition to the minority outreach efforts made by Pepper Construction, the committee members will contact known minority contractors to increase participation. There was also a discussion about paid internships for Rich 227 students interested in pursuing a construction career. Both Pepper and Ujamma expressed interest in providing internships to students in the future.

The subcommittee update will be added to the next meeting agenda.

**Facility Advisory Meetings** – the last scheduled FAC meeting is in January, which also marks the end of the term for the committee per the original charge. All the members in attendance expressed the desire to continue the FAC committee until the projects are complete.

It was noted that Mr. Perkins was stepping down from the committee.

If the FAC committee term is extended, there was discussion about recruitment of new members, the new term for members, the nomination of officers, the date, time, and frequency of the meetings.

This topic will be added to the next meeting agenda.

**New Business/Other** – Mr. Brummel talked about the mix of precast and steel in the construction for the Fieldhouse. Mr. Moore (Pepper) and Mr. Akintonde (Ujamma) talked about quality plans being used for all construction projects. Mr. Chapman noted that one quality plan standard that should be used. According to Mr. Moore (Pepper), a quality plan is being used already and preinstall meetings are held before the construction begins.

**Adjournment** – 7:20 pm