

PROPOSED 2019 CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Second Meeting: Media Release 2/27/19

The second meeting of the Hancock Central School District Facilities Review Committee was held at 3 p.m. February 27 in the District Offices. Eight committee members, the Clerk of the Works and the Architect were in attendance.

The team reviewed the progress to date of a potential capital project vote in the fall of 2019. Proposed scope at Hancock Elementary School included kitchen/serving/storage renovation, acoustic ceilings and LED lighting replacement in classrooms, exterior door hardening for safety, exterior window supplemental security/hardening for safety, security cameras upgrade, technology upgrades, gym HVAC acoustics and hazardous materials abatement.

Proposed scope at Hancock Middle/High School includes field drainage repair, kitchen/serving/storage renovation, STEAM classroom, ceiling replacement, miscellaneous door replacement/refinishing, admin roof repair, cross corridor security doors, exterior door hardening for security, exterior window supplemental security/hardening for security, security cameras upgrade, technology upgrades, lockers replacement and hazardous materials abatement.

Proposed scope at the Hancock Bus Garage includes site-work and building renovations, and an addition.

Proposed scope at the Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library includes replacement of the bluestone sidewalk and replacement of reading room lighting.

Much of this February 27 meeting was devoted to review of the kitchens at both the Hancock Elementary School and the Hancock Middle/High School. A report was completed of the conditions of the existing kitchens by the District's kitchen consultant, Commercial Kitchen Consulting, and architects and engineers from Highland Associates for review by the committee. The report highlighted deficiencies in existing equipment, systems and spaces and offered proposed solutions. Some of the existing kitchen equipment was noted to be building original, dating back to the 1960s and '70s.

Proposed solutions and recommendations at each of the kitchens included enhancements to control and security of the kitchen spaces, along with upgrading deficient and non-code compliant elements. This includes equipment, shelving, HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems, finishes and lighting. Two options are being proposed at the Hancock Middle/High School to evaluate costs and control the same for budgetary purposes.

The committee will meet again in March to review additional elements of the project. All HCSD Facilities Review Committee meetings are open to the public.

The current facilities review continues to focus on the elements of safety and security, technology, fiscal responsibility, and maintaining a quality educational environment for the students and staff.

The District is targeting a possible September 2019 public vote for a capital project.

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