



## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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The committee met at Davidson High School to start the tour to see the “before” of some of the summer projects. The committee will meet again in the fall to see the “after” of the projects.

Mike McDonough said every summer, you're guaranteed pretty much that we're going to have some sort of roofing project and some sort of paving project with as many buildings as we have and the life cycle of those types of things. Those don't really move the needle when it comes to the excitement, I guess you would say, when you walk into a building. This year, a little bit different, we are doing some things that probably are long overdue and when we get to Weaver and Heritage, you will see some of those improvements. Even though they have just begun, you will notice some of the huge improvements.

As you all know, we have our Master Facilities Plan, Phase 1. Hopefully things go well for us in November and we will be investing in that phase 1, a little over \$140 million into capital improvements, which will include some of the things that we talk about today, but taking them to the next level. Some of the big things that we are excited about are the paint and the carpet and flooring that you will see here a little bit, but even some things like you see the concrete here. Certainly, we have the obligation to make sure all of our students and all of our community can access our buildings. Over time, some of the concrete makes it challenging for some of our folks that have limited mobility. Mark is going to talk a little bit about some of the concrete work that we are going to do and that will be the first thing we see here today.

Mark Dudgeon said we are going to hit five or six different sites today. We have some projects lined out, but certainly as we are walking in and making our way into the buildings and there are things that come to your attention feel free to ask. After we finish here, we are going to get on the electric bus. Angelo is going to spend a few minutes and just go over the safety measures we are putting into place for transportation.

#### 1. Davidson High School

Mark Dudgeon said this summer, we are planning to spend about \$200,000 district wide on concrete repairs. Anything you see marked in pink is set for removal/replacement. In addition to this, a lot of curbs and ramps will be removed and our ramps will be brought up to ADA standards. Little things like putting concrete around the benches here to keep folks out of the mud will be done as well. We are still just a little over a week removed from the end of the school year so right now projects are really just starting to get ramped up contractors are starting to localize.

A guest asked if it was just this entryway?

Mark Dudgeon said no, here it will go around the corner to the other set of doors.

The guest asked if it will be by the auxiliary gym too?

Mark Dudgeon said no, we will not make it to the auxiliary gym this time. Right now, our priority is focusing on the entryways.

Mark Dudgeon said this summer the auxiliary gym is going to get a new paint job from floor to ceiling. The doors are going to get repainted. You can see by the doors; we had some masonry repair above the doors that needed to be done where the masonry was degrading. Mr. Ragland is going to put new graphics in here. We are changing the color scheme. We are going with the district paint. We are going to use a little bit of a darker gray on the bottom and then a lighter gray up above. At this time, we are not doing the floor. The floors in our auxiliary gyms, we have carved out in phase one of the bucket in the Master Facilities Plan. This time around, it will just be paint in here and it will really change and freshen up the space.

Mark Dudgeon asked is there anything in Davidson anybody else wants to see or talk about?

A guest asked if there are anything scheduled for the restrooms?

Mark Dudgeon asked as far as what? Any kind of improvements? Not at this time.

The guest said that is tough because I spend more time here than I do at home, coaching youth sports. They are not safe. They are not clean. You have Bradley, you have Darby...inaudible. I am grateful for everything that you are doing but at the end of the day, when we have three high schools and Davidson is here, Bradley is here and Darby is somewhere in the middle. That's a tough sell to the parents that live in the Davidson communities such as mine. It is not safe to send a kid in there. There's no door. You have a gym full of 200 to 300 people, your son or daughter, I think the women's room has doors but the boy's room doesn't. You guys need to take a look.

Mark Dudgeon said sure, appreciate the feedback.

Mike McDonough said we are doing locker rooms district wide. Going back to the last meeting we had we did a red, yellow and green scorecard for every locker room in the district and we are trying to chip away at those things taking care of the red areas first and moving along. Locker rooms and restrooms in this area are going to be addressed. It is not going to be a full-scale renovation, but there will be some things that are done this summer with all of those red areas whether it is doors or...

Mark Dudgeon added paint, lighting, partitions.

Mike McDonough said we want to show you baseball really quick.

Mark Dudgeon said you can see here, brand new pavement. Previously, we had gravel around the bleachers, up behind the backstop, not ADA accessible and it wasn't clean. Gravel was getting tracked onto the field so we paved here behind baseball. We also paved behind softball. Right now, we are working on a major field renovation on this baseball field to the tune of about \$20,000 or \$25,000. We are fixing the drainage, fixing the infield to outfield lip where it was uneven and unsafe.

Irrigation has been repaired in the last couple of months to where it is operable now. Then, this field, they are bringing 30 tons of soil in to level the outfield where there was some bad ruts and stuff in the outfield. This work will continue here on the baseball field for another three or four days and then this field will be shut down for eight weeks to allow the grass to grow. As we talk about equity across the district, this field needed some work and we realized that. We got the feedback from the booster club and from the parents. We are working to get this one up and consistent with the other two fields in the district.

Ms. Arnold asked how much of this is a partnership collaboration or is it all on us?

Mark Dudgeon said the work we are doing right now, the district is paying for and then once this work is done, baseball boosters are going to take care of the dirt, dressing up the dirt, bringing new brick dust in and dressing that part up.

Mr. Vorst asked what happened in the corner in right field?

Mark Dudgeon said they peeled that whole thing out. That was super, super low and every time it rained or the irrigation ran, all the water drained in that corner.

Mike McDonough said those of you that have been on the committee know we addressed the home side restrooms and locker rooms in the stadium. This summer, we are doing the visitor side...inaudible.

## 2. Transportation Update

Once the committee was on the bus, Angelo Caputo gave an update on what we are doing in transportation to move forward with some technology and some things we are doing for our kids and for our families.

Currently, this is how drivers do their pre-trip inspection. So, you will see the yellow tabs, if you look on the back bulkhead, there is a yellow tab back there. Those yellow tabs are strategically placed all around the outside of the bus. They go through with this wand and they touch those tabs so that you know you are hitting every part of the bus. The bus is safe to drive. These came out in 2001, so we are looking at what we could do to upgrade us to bring us into 2024 and bring some other technology.

We are currently in the process of upgrading to tablets. Every bus will have a tablet that will be installed right here at the dash level of the driver. That tablet will then have the capabilities of not only will you do your pre-trip on it and your post-trip at the end of your run, but we will actually be able to push the route sheets with something called Wayfinder, which we are in training right now to get that new technology from Transfinder. That paper route sheet will go away and it will be pushed right to the tablet. Drivers will have turn by turn directions not only pushed to the tablet, but they will also have voice activated as well so they can listen to the directions. It will make it much easier for subs and for myself when I am covering a route. Then, in that geofence, when you pull up to a stop, the stop has a geofence around it. That tablet realizes you are coming up to that stop and your attendance then pops up, so everybody who is assigned to that route will pop up and populate. This is the part that I am really excited about, this attendance keeping portion of it. We are also looking at student tracking, but that is something totally different. The attendance piece, those students that are assigned to that stop, we can actually go through and good morning, Johnny, good morning, Robert, good morning, Barb and you are going through and checking them off. Just in the same sense in the afternoon when you pull up to that stop, you know who is assigned

to that stop and you can take that attendance. You will know, yes, they did get off the bus or yes, they did get on the bus.

The other portion of that is the student tracking side. We are still working through some things with technology with that. The student tracking side would have, just like our ID badges, all the kids would have one of these. Some districts use this type of card for lunches, for library, so they have access to the buildings and facilities, as well as transportation. We are looking at what that would look like for us, but students then would swipe a little pass reader when they get on the bus and it would tell you whether they are assigned to your route or not. We wouldn't have students that were then choosing to get on other buses to home with friends or girlfriends and boyfriends and those types of things. We would really be able to put a stop to students jumping on other buses or being places where they are not, or, the phone calls of hey, my child is not home yet and they should have been home 45 minutes ago. The parents would have an app that says they swiped off the bus 45 minutes ago at their assigned stop. That is what we are looking at doing.

Really exciting stuff learning the new software and being able to have Wayfinder go active at the beginning of the year. There is going to be a small, the training to roll this out for our drivers is not going to be, it is really going to be how you log into your tablet and what you are doing with your tablet at the end of your shift. It is not a new technology, it is just replacing this antiquated, outdated technology.

On the 26<sup>th</sup>, we are going to start picking our new buses up. Our new buses have some safety features that the Ohio Safety School Bus working group have put out as recommendations. We have taken a step ahead and started to order some of the specs on our new buses. We will have two stop arms on them, a front and a rear stop arm. We have a pilot program going on right now with two of our buses that have the new first light stop arms on them. When that stop arm comes out, it is fully illuminated. That is a new product that is available in the state of Ohio this year. We put it on two buses that have high passing rates, high red-light violations, to see what that would do for us and if that brings some more visibility to the bus. The new buses will also have supplemental warning lights right at eye level of the driver if you have a car in the front grill and at the rear bumper. Those warning lights will correlate to the warning lights on the roof, so they will flash amber when we hit the ambers and they will flash red when we hit the reds, just to add one more layer of protection for our kiddos that are getting on and off the bus at school bus stops.

We also have equipped all of our new buses with airhorns which sound like a train. That (sounded the horn on the bus) doesn't do anything when you have somebody coming through your reds at 45-50 miles an hour and you have a student crossing the street.

These are some of the things we are doing proactively in order to make sure we are doing everything we can to keep our kiddos safe.

When I was at the state conference this past week, we did speak to Carolyn from DW and they are working on what that grant money is going to look like for the recommendations that the safety group has put out there. But again, we are trying to get ahead of that, as far ahead as possible, so that we are not having to do a retro of all 158 buses.

Mike McDonough asked can you talk about the cost of a bus that, when you pick up a bus on the 26<sup>th</sup>, what that cost us this year compared to maybe two years ago?

Angelo Caputo said I can tell you I bought in 2021, my last year that I was at Parma before I went to

Pittsburgh, I bought 12 new buses for 1,000,100 some dollars. We bought 11 buses this year for just over \$1.5 million. So, we have seen a 30% increase in the cost of new buses and then they just announced today, Bluebird announced that they are going to be from the factory, installing seatbelts on all of their new buses, lap shoulder belts. They said there is going to be no cost increase on that which is impossible because it is about \$10,000 per bus to get a bus outfitted with seatbelts. We know that they are telling us there is no cost increase, but really, what is going to happen is that base bus is going to go up about \$10,000. We are very quickly seeing this very rapid increase in price on what we are paying for everything but even just the cost of a new bus. We were able to get 15 new buses last year. We were only able to get 11 this year because our money hasn't changed as far as that goes. Unfortunately, I think that is kind of going to be the trend for us. Like everybody, we are all doing the same thing. We are getting less for more.

Ms. Arnold said a couple quick questions. You are saying Bluebird, that is their standard model now. What is driving that? Is it regulation in a particular state, so they are just doing it for all, so they don't have to, or is it federal?

Angelo Caputo said, I will be honest with you. My personal opinion is because Thomas and IC have done a full redesign on their buses and Bluebird is losing money. Bluebird hasn't done anything to update their driver area, their passenger department, whereas the other two, the other big two have this year. When we were at the factory in April, I said I am going to be honest with you. I am not going to be looking at Bluebirds next year because they are not comfortable. The drivers are asking, we are all asking for larger windshields, larger visibility. I feel like I am sitting in a box when I am sitting in here. They said we are looking at two model years, in two model years doing a redesign. I said do you know how much business you are going to lose? Just because I have a really good relationship with my dealer doesn't mean I am going to continue to buy buses from them if it is not what is best for my district. I personally think they came out with it, they announced it today. I think they did that just because they realized how much they are going to be losing in the grand scheme of things.

Ms. Arnold said the other question, talking about the student passes, the attendance tracking, which I think will be some great data for us in terms of how many kids are actually riding, especially the high schoolers. What if we've got little Johnny slept over at little Bobby's house Tuesday night, and Wednesday morning they want to ride the bus together to get to school? Have we thought about that process of reporting in so that you know you are going to have an extra kid that morning?

Angelo Caputo said that is something we are going to have to push out to the parents. Anything that is happening, like those notes even to come home, a note that you would get signed, we don't typically do that very often unless it is an emergency situation just because of how full our buses are now. That piece of paper is going to have to go out the window and we are going to have to have it prior approved so that we can add it to the route. It is very quick for us to go in our dispatch mode and add a student that is not on that route as an exception for the day. We would just need to know about it ahead of time and that could even be a phone call at 6:00 in the morning. Hey, we had an emergency last night and my son is going to be riding X bus with X today.

A guest asked since COVID, have they really been allowing guests on the buses anyway?

Angelo Caputo said no so much and that is really across the board, not just with us. Many of us have had to reduce so much of what we do because we just have a smaller workforce so the extra people where our buses had the room, I think COVID kind of pushed it out so much and it was working and it worked that everybody said we are just going to keep that because it just keeps clean.

Mike McDonough said the student tracking piece is not something that we are going to launch the upcoming school year. It will be something that we want to certainly work with some other districts to see how they implemented that and it may be something where we, very similar to like what we did with the School Safe ID, maybe pick a building or two at each level to pilot it and work out the kinks so that when we launch it district wide, we've got all of that worked out. Families will have well enough notice that they are comfortable with the process and what we are going to be doing.

Angelo Caputo said oh, the other thing that all of our new 11 coming in will have, all of them will have outside exterior stop arm cameras as well. That was something that we were a little bit hesitant to do because Columbus didn't want to work with us and we service so many areas in our district that are CPD. A lot of where our issues are is down off Wilson Road, Trabue, everywhere that we are going to be waiting for Columbus so I was very hesitant to do it until I spoke to our trooper and then I spoke to Hilliard. Hilliard is fully on board. They are ready to support us and they are very excited. The trooper said if Columbus is not going to support you, let us know and we will take care of it.

### 3. Tharp Sixth Grade School

Mike McDonough said I know it is not easy to see but this parking lot is one that we are going to be redoing this summer. They mobilized last week and the beginning work has literally been just removing some of the islands as we begin to prep the lot to begin paving. People don't understand the sheer cost of some of these larger projects. This project came in at about \$1.2 million to redo the parking lot. That eats up almost twenty five percent of our permanent improvement budget right there.

Like I said before, we know that we are going to be doing a parking lot pretty much every year. We have tried to fold into those parking lot repairs, there is going to be a lot of concrete and curb work here, just like we did at Hoffman last summer to make sure that we are addressing both the front and the back. Part of that will be overlaying some of the playground areas as well.

I know you can't really see anything but over the course of the next couple of weeks you will start to see a lot of stuff being hauled off. We will take it down to eighteen inches or so, then we put in the RCC, the rolled concrete. That enables us to absorb the weight of our buses more. The additional piece that allows us to do is, obviously the asphalt that goes over top of it will wear out. That RCC being down there as a firm foundation allows us to do overlays with asphalt in the future so we don't have to spend nearly as much. We are investing a little bit more on the front end, but then knowing that the repair and upkeep will be cost savings over the long haul.

Ms. Arnold asked when did we start doing that?

Mike McDonough said Tim was still in the role, so it has probably been 15 years ago or so. One of the biggies that people first started noticing, it was when we first started, the sale of the Grener property, we used some of those funds to redo phase one of Darby and Davidson. That is when people started asking why the heck are you digging out the entire parking lot? That is the reason.

That is certainly part of our summer work this year is to go back and protect those investments with seal coating. You will see some seal coating projects throughout the district. Again, that is just to increase the longevity of the asphalt.

Mr. Vorst asked what is the expected life of the asphalt now?

Mark Dudgeon said it is going down, like everything else. I think asphalt, they say 10 to 15 years if you keep it sealed and striped. Paint is even less. It used to be you could get five to six years out of fresh lines when you put them down. That is because they were oil-based paints. Now they are water-based paints and we have paint three years old that you can't see the lines on so we have to keep doing more and more striping to keep the lines fresh.

Mr. Vorst asked did they say why the life has gone down?

Mark Dudgeon said, yes, just because they have gone from an oil-based product to a water-based product.

Mike McDonough said all of the environmental restrictions that have been placed on things. We ran into the same thing when we built Memorial. We had to invest a lot of money into drying the concrete because the way they require from the environmental protections on how they mix concrete and asphalt, those types of things. It's not, I mean it is safer for the environment, but it doesn't hold up as well.

#### 4. Weaver Middle School

Mark Dudgeon said the color scheme that we picked, when we get to Heritage, this will be the same color scheme at Heritage. The difference at Heritage is we are doing new tile over there up to the lunch room doors then we will pick up new tile on the back end. What you see here is also mirrored around back. This building, they have repainted the railings there as well. There are new stair treads. The stair treads that were here were original to the building. The stair treads are extensive but that is something that will make a really big difference.

As you go upstairs, the first landing and the second landing at the top will have carpet put on them. Really changing the space.

Working with the principal here, we see a real unique opportunity where we have to carve out space at the bottom of the steps here...inaudible...collaborative space. That is the big change for this building. We will get new concrete at the entryway. Next year, we will do flooring on the first floor along with paint in the hallways.

Katherine Hueter said I am excited to partner with the district on updates and branding. We have some nice branding coming on the front doors here and you will see in our cafeteria, just really adding school pride and spirit and also adding some flexible seating and furniture. That really is going to bring some good energy to our students and staff. Thanks for being here and thanks for work in progress and also patience of summer cleaning and updating. We are really excited! Just even walking in right now, I know we have kids that went through here and it really brings some good light and energy into our space.

Mike McDonough asked Mark Dudgeon to talk a little bit about the costs associated with this.

Mark Dudgeon said what you see in paint right here and in the rear stairwell is just a little over \$20,000 in paint. When we add in the stair treads and carpet at the landing, we have about \$34,000 to \$37,000.

Ms. Arnold asked is this internal labor for us?

Mark Dudgeon said this is all contracted. When we get into paint up here that requires this big of

areas, we usually contract that out. When we get into our classrooms and we get into the locker rooms that we are going to look at, those smaller type of spaces, our folks can really knock those out.

Mark Dudgeon said I want to welcome everybody to hands down the worst locker room in the district. Earlier in the winter, we realized that it was time to start putting some money into our locker rooms. To give us a better plan on how we were going to approach that, we went around and assessed every single locker room in our secondary schools, inside the buildings only, no exterior locker rooms. We broke that down into about twelve different buckets that we were looking at. We were looking at sinks, we were looking at mirrors, we were looking at ceiling tile and grid, we were looking at lighting, overall cleanliness, lockers, toilets and urinals, partitions. We basically did a subjective review and then assigned everything a green for good, a yellow for ish, and an orange and a red for needs attention now. Across the board, maybe minus sinks and faucets, this locker room was orange and red across the board.

It probably doesn't look like much right now, but this had old grid in it, it had some old ceiling tiles in it. That has all been removed. This is a project that we are doing internally. New partitions, in here we are going to paint the ceiling instead of putting tile and grid back in. Tile and grid is expensive to maintain. When you this much duct work running overhead, you get condensation leaks in the ceiling tiles. Going forward in our locker rooms, we are going to be painting. We are going to be removing ceiling tile and grid as we can and we are going to be painting to the ceiling. It is still a clean look. It is still safe. It doesn't impact our sprinkler systems.

We will be changing out lighting as we go and adding LED lights into the locker rooms. At this time, we won't be grinding and polishing the concrete, so to speak, but we will be hitting this concrete, degreasing it and getting it cleaned up and buffing it out and putting some wax on it to bring some pop to it.

With the assessment we did, it really gave us a good picture district wide on where we needed to spend money but it also gives us a chance when we are buying things like partitions or when we are buying mirrors or when we are buying toilets, we can buy in more of a bulk type purchase and we can leverage our dollars that way through economies.

The question about lockers comes up all the time. The district hasn't made a decision yet on the direction that we are going to go on lockers. These will stay for now. Last year in the Davidson stadium locker rooms, we powder coated those lockers. An outside firm came in and we opened them up and powder coated the whole thing. We are only less than a year in to that work and having that work done so we are really going to assess that after this next fall sports season to see what the durability of that is. It is an expensive cost, but it is cheaper than taking lockers out and replacing them with new. If that process, that system seems to hold up, that is an opportunity for us to look at our hallway lockers in buildings like this to powder coat them to bring them up to a more modern color, but also to look at lockers and spaces like this as well.

A guest asked are these even used?

Mark Dudgeon said my understanding across the district is locker use anymore is really minimal.

Mike McDonough said you might have some kids throw their iPad in there during gym class but it is not something that they rely on.



Mark Dudgeon said the challenge is in a lot of these spaces, these lockers are actually built on pedestal pads or they are built on concrete. Even in our hallways, the lockers are installed on concrete pads, so when you go and start removing lockers it is really a lot of work to get all the way down to an original floor.

Mr. Vorst said so another toilet without a door? Can you guys talk about the plan for those?

Mark Dudgeon said yes, partition, that's the plan. That was one, when we assessed, that was one of the criteria we measured on. If the partitions had been scratched or graffitied to a state beyond repair or renovation or they are missing like this, or sometimes it was just hardware that was loose, all that went in the partition bucket. In this locker room, all of the partitions are being replaced.

Mr. Vorst asked this summer?

Mark Dudgeon said yes.

Mr. Vorst said OK and asked these are not from failure, occasionally it is a maintenance issue, but for the most part, it is kids messing with the doors and pulling them off and that kind of thing?

Mark Dudgeon said yes and Mike McDonough said Tik Tok challenges.

Mark Dudgeon said one other thing in our buildings, we are being taxed to the max on space, either space for storage within the building, performing arts storage, athletics storage. We are looking at our shower bays like this and at Heritage Middle School and we are actually going to frame in a couple of the shower bays. Those showers are not being used. This is an opportunity for us to get creative and create additional space for our athletic folks. We can build shelving in there; we can terminate the plumbing back to the main supply line and then this becomes very good suitable storage space.

A guest asked will the walls be painted?

Mark Dudgeon said yes and again our internal team is doing this. Obviously, in the last seven or eight working days since school let out, they have been working to get all of these other project areas staged, furniture removed and stuff taken down. They need another week or two to get the rest of that ready and then they will come back in here and start working in these spaces.

Ms. Arnold asked if the lighting fixtures will be a flush mounted kind of thing or dropped?

Mark Dudgeon said they will be a suspended LED fixture.

Mark Dudgeon said this is a really good example of collaboration and partnership. Katherine came to us last winter sometime and if you recall from if you were ever in this room before, it was the old woodshop converted to a fitness room. Katherine and Nate Bobek, Athletic Director at Davidson, came to us and said we want to make this space over. We want to make it more usable for gym classes but also kind of a semi-weight room. We said here is how we can kind of split this up. I think some football boosters came up with the rubber flooring. The gym teacher and some others were able to buy the athletic equipment. Operations came in and we took care of the paint. We took care of the new electrical for the treadmills. The treadmills were previously turned around the other way. That is obviously a safety hazard where your back is against the wall. We rewired for the treadmills and got them turned around. We took out the old lighting and put LED lighting in here. Katherine,

through her money, took care of the vinyl graphics. Technology folks came in and moved the monitor. The monitor was over here with a little workstation. We moved the monitor. They love this space. It was a great change. It's fresh, it's clean, it's modern and it gets a ton of use and it directly supports our student success.

A guest asked if this is the lighting that will be in the locker room?

Mark Dudgeon said similar to this. Sometimes we will use a two by two. Obviously, the advantage of this is in a room like this where we can make a long run it works great. It will be similar to this.

#### 5. Darby High School

Mark Dudgeon said they finished this in the last month or six weeks. We are standing on court three of the Darby auxiliary gym. Again, talking about equity and such, Darby Boosters had started raising some money for a new weight room. With inflation and the cost of things that have gone up, they just weren't quite at a point to be able to put a shovel in the ground. Recognizing the need and what they needed, we partnered with them on this. They bought the equipment. We managed the projects. We put a fence in. Everything was purchased so that at a later time when we are able to build a new weight room for them, everything, including the flooring, can move into the new facility. This space is a little bit bigger than what a new weight room would be, but still, the two-by-two tiles can all come up. They can all be moved outside of this space and go into a new building out there. All of the weight equipment can be broken down, taken apart and moved out there as well. We built the chain link fence in a way that those materials can be removed, taken down and used in other places in the district as well.

When we were at Davidson, we saw that we are getting ready to repaint the auxiliary gym in there, kind of as our trade off with Darby. While this is strictly a gap strategy, it is a temporary solution right now to get our young guys and gals, athletes into a space where they can train properly. When this moves out, then at that time we will paint this gym and we will do a new floor in this gym.

A guest asked will they use this for sports and fitness and other classes?

Mike McDonough said yes. That was one of the things that was kind of a hang up in terms of, not a hang up, but as we were looking for ways to trim costs and be able to select the person that we would want to build the new weight room, since kids use it throughout the day, we have to follow much stricter regulation. It is technically just like a school building. So, all the normal bidding requirements, all of those things, not that we want to skirt anything but it makes it more challenging, which adds costs because of all the documents that come alongside with that. This was a nice way for us to have a compromise with the athletic department. Not only was the athletic department super excited, but by day two all the classes were running through here. Darby is unique in the fact that they have nine periods, even though we have an eight-period day, nine periods a day, they have kids in weight training class. The other two high schools have just not been able to get that class off the ground as well. Darby is able to have a zero period all the way through eighth period. There are kids in it all the time. When we say this gets used all day long, it gets used all day long.

Mr. Vorst said this is awesome! You guys did a great job! You pulled it off really well! Good job to you and your team! Well done!

Mark Dudgeon said we had to take, a couple things we changed up. There were basketball backboards on the ends. We took those down and put them in storage. Prior to this, the batting

cages, the two batting cages there were in this space turned this way. We had a company come in to take those down and relocate them over to court two and turn them the other direction. We had to do a few little housekeeping things. We were able to get this up and going for them prior to the end of school so it did get some use. Here in the summer conditioning months, it will really start to ramp up.

As you can tell from the equipment, almost all of it is custom to the branding, to Darby's branding. This was a bid opportunity that we put out. The company that ended up getting this was a Newark based company. They did a really good job with the detail all the way down to the boxes and benches and everything.

Initial feedback is everybody loves it and it was a really, really good opportunity to use some space that would allow them to get in here and spread out.

Mr. Vorst asked how much did all the equipment cost?

Mike McDonough said I think there is a total, counting flooring, I want to say there is close to \$300,000.

Mark Dudgeon said the flooring was \$40,000. I recall that and the equipment was maybe \$220,000 or maybe \$210,000.

Mike McDonough said we had as high as \$260,000 for quotes and Stray Dog came in about \$225,000.

Mr. Vorst asked is the boosters and the money that parents raised specifically for a weight room, are those funds together, or is that money still untouched? What is the status of that?

Mike McDonough said the boosters still have all of that money. There are still some miscellaneous things that, there's a couple of things we are wanting, part of the original design in terms of the equipment for here, Stray Dog actually does not manufacture. There's a hex bar, they want to get about a dozen hex bars. Stray Dog doesn't manufacture those, another company does. We could still go through Stray Dog. Stray Dog was kind enough to say hey, if you go directly to the vendor, we are not going to mark it up. We are hoping that we can work with the boosters to buy those things because Chris used a lot of his district funds to purchase all of this.

Ms. Arnold said the boosters are obligated under those funds, just because the way they were raised, that they have to be spent on the weight room.

Mark Dudgeon said Melissa has been really good keeping us, because this is obviously unique. We don't do this type of partnership and collaboration and set spaces up like this very often. Melissa has really done a good job of keeping the ps and qs straight.

Mike McDonough said this is actually a larger, successful passage of the levy, the building that is designed to be built, similar to Davidson's, is just over 4,000 square feet. I believe this area right here that we are standing in is roughly 5,700 square feet so they are going to lose some space when we move into the new facility but we will gain this court back for all of the athletics that are going to be displaced. It's a give and take. Certainly, our gymnastics program rotates every two years. Davidson is going to be going into year two of their turn hosting. Darby is slated to be the next host. Hopefully we pass the levy in November and then get that building built right away and we can keep

on track with that rotation.

Ms. Arnold said I think that is something that a lot of folks don't know that we need to make sure it gets out there. How that all functions so that we are keeping our buildings equitable and rotating usage.

Mike McDonough said it is great that they get to travel around but it is a sacrifice for the host building. Not in the sense that they don't want the program there, but there is a lot of storage that comes along with the gymnastics equipment. It is playing the Tetris game getting everything stored away at night.

Mark Dudgeon said this is obviously the highlight for us in this building. Again, similar to what we were talking about at Davidson, also concrete repairs will be happening. This building will also be, we are addressing some ADA issues up front on a couple of ramps that are critical in nature that have been kind of punted down the way for the last couple of years so we are really buckling down. Of all of our locations where we are doing concrete, this one will have the most money spent on exterior concrete of that \$200,000 that we talked about, excluding Tharp, that was all bundled into the paving project.

We continue, similar to the assessment we did on the locker rooms that we talked about, we are working through that same type of assessment for our concrete. We have done one for playgrounds that is out there on the website. We have done one for locker rooms. Now, we are working on concrete. We are working on asphalt as it relates to markings, pavement markings and stuff like that. From there, we will go into signage. We will start looking at our exterior way signage, our parking lot signage.

Really, those tools, I mean that is what they are meant for, it is a tool, it is a planning guide more than anything. It is a communication tool back to the principals, to the board and to our community. It is really helpful for us to have those. You can assess anything, right? Anything can be assessed. It is just a matter of how we use the data.

Another thing, I didn't mention it when we pulled in, but our gates. We talked about this at a few meetings back, our exterior parking lot gates and also our steel pipe bollards at our middle schools, high schools and two sixth grade buildings. We have a contractor hired. Actually, the same contractor that is painting Weaver. As soon as they are done painting Weaver, they are going to start sanding and repainting all of those gates as well. Again, attention to detail, a positive first impression as well for our community.

A guest asked if they will still be yellow?

Mark Dudgeon said if they are yellow, they will stay yellow, just for safety. Especially around the dumpsters and the loading docks. We will keep those yellow and then the blue. Each school has a different color based on their brand, so they are following the branding guide on that.

A guest asked but the ones at the entrance up to the stadium parking lots, the side entrance, will those go to the yellow?

Mark Dudgeon said I am sorry, I thought you meant the steel bollards. No, those will go blue.

Mr. Vorst asked if there are any locker room or bathroom projects here this summer?

Mark Dudgeon said there are locker rooms here. This one on the partitions and talking with Keith Rabley, the partitions here, it was a lot of hardware, either tightening up current hardware, existing hardware or replacing new hardware and they will be painting. We have a lot of paint going into the locker rooms here and again, that will be our internal team doing that. As far as the exact locker rooms, I can't tell you that right off.

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Mark Dudgeon said kind of in summary, I would say what we looked at over at Weaver, where they have done the painting in here with the color scheme, this will mirror that. It also comes in line with what we have at Memorial, so slowly we are working to create consistency. The big difference here is there is going to be a lot more work. New tile in the atrium area here, new tile in the back as well. The tile that you see on the pictures here. It's a two by four tile. It is not the exact color we have at Memorial because they changed batches, but it is a similar color scheme. What we did, is we went ahead and pre-purchased enough tile as well to do the lunch room next summer. We could not that much work done this summer. With the amount of painting that we have happening in this building, we are using three different contractors in here. Again, we will be painting the stairway, the stair railings, new stair treads, new carpet on those landings. In the cafeteria/lunch room area, the acoustic tiles in the ceiling that are suspended are coming down. The cafeteria area is being repainted as well. The acoustic tiles are coming down, new painting on the ceiling, new painting on the walls. Then, next summer we will come back while we are doing Weaver and we will come in and we will replace the lighting, upgrade the lighting to LED in there and we will finish the tile work from this door to that door. That will have all new tile in it as well.

Ms. Arnold asked acoustic tiles come down, does acoustic go back up?

Mark Dudgeon said acoustic does not go back up. We are keeping the acoustic tile around the edge. We had Fanning come out. They did some measurements and they did some testing for us. They said the tile that we have is not adding any acoustical value at this time. But, in the future, as we decide when we do lighting next summer, if we decide that we need to put some back in, then we will come up with a tile that works better for that space than what we have.

Ms. Arnold said I know the sound quality when you are having orchestra and concerts, not to mention the lunch room noise, how you want to dampen as much as you can.

Mike McDonough said after the last orchestra concert they had in the spring, I think Joel has made the executive decision to have all concerts over in the PAC. It gets too crowded in the parking lot and too crowded in here. Parents can't find a seat. They are going to move all the concerts over there.

Mark Dudgeon said in addition to the flooring here, the entire first floor in this building is getting new flooring. We are replacing carpet with carpet where we have carpet, using the district standard which is more of the grays and the blues and the two by two. Where we had the vinyl down near the restrooms at the end of this hall, that is going to the actual vinyl flooring instead of VCT flooring. We will have vinyl down the back hallway over here as well as vinyl in the athletic areas. All the flooring on the first floor and all the paint on the first floor except for the lunch room, lunch room will get the ceiling painted, then next summer lunch room tile and lunch room lighting. Big major change. Now, let's go see the media center.

This space was extremely tired. Since we already had the contractors in the building, it saved us a lot

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of money to go ahead and do it now. The flooring guys are already here. The flooring guys have all of their equipment here and there wasn't another mobilization that was needed. The contractor that painted the stairwells at Weaver is painting the stairwells here as well and then he is coming into this space and he is painting this. So, new paint on the perimeter walls, new paint on the ceiling. Last year was the first time we experimented with a green screen paint at the HUB. It worked really well so we don't have to have the portable curtain. This is going to become a green screen wall right here for them to do their production work on that wall there. New carpet. There used to be a media island right there. That is going away. It wasn't being used enough so we terminated the electric there. We are really looking to make this space more about being able to be more collaborative in here and being able to move furniture around. Joel has ordered new furniture out of his principal fund for this room. Changing the way that they deliver instruction in here so it can be more portable and more collaborative.

Mark Dudgeon said that is what we had planned for the group today as far as a tour. We are looking forward to coming back in a few months when we meet again. We will follow the same path that we just did. We will come through and see all of the after and see how much the space has changed.