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STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT NO. 5 December 15, 2021

Williamsport Area School District
District Wide Facility Study
CRA Project No. 3340

On the above date a meeting was held virtually for the purpose of reviewing the district wide facility study. The below represents the writers understanding of the pertinent issues and items of discussion at the Design Conference.

1. Stevens Options were reviewed in detail:
    - Construct additions and renovations to the existing school.
    - Construct a new school on the existing site on demolish the existing school once complete.
    - Close Stevens and consolidate students to other 3 existing primary schools.
2. A question was raised if the cost to build a new school included the cost to demolish the existing school and the response was yes.
3. The following discussion occurred on the option to close Stevens:
    - The option illustrated that there are 17 vacant classrooms that could accommodate the 13 classrooms from Stevens (Cochran-8, Hepburn-Lycoming-4 and Jackson-5).
    - A question was raised about which schools the students and teachers would attend. It was noted this would need to be investigated further with the attendance boundaries. The boundaries between Hepburn-Lycoming and Jackson would also need to be modified to appropriately balance enrollment size at each school. It was stated that there would be no reduction of teaching staff.
    - It will need to be determined what the former school could be used for or what value the school is should it be sold.
    - A question was raised about bussing. It was noted that bussing costs will most likely increase since most students who currently walk to Stevens would now be bussed to other schools. It was suggested that this would be a positive for most families since they prefer their students to be bussed.
    - Should the board move forward with closing of Stevens, a potential timeline for closing the school by the 2022/23 school year was discussed. This included a tentative public hearing date of February 17th. A final school board decision on closing Stevens would occur at the May 17th board meeting.
4. Renovation options for Curtin and Lycoming Valley were reviewed. It was noted that Lycoming Valley was the higher priority project given the open classrooms, secure vestibule, and capacity issues.
5. It was stated that ESSERS funds could be used for the Lycoming Valley project. The deadline for expenditure of ESSERS fund may create the need for the design of this project to start now.
6. The final study will be presented to the school board and public at the January 18, 2022, board meeting.

The preceding constitutes the authors understanding of the pertinent items discussed at the meeting. Any meeting attendees who take exception to any statement in this report shall notify the writer, within seven (7) days from the date of receipt of this report for modification and re-issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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