

**Meeting Minutes:** Planning Committee – District Office Board Room**Date/Time:** December 17, 2021 – 7:30 a.m.**Start:** 7:30 a.m.**End:** 8:50 a.m.**Committee Members Present:** Jim Johnson, Brian Nelson, Seth Holden, Jennifer Benson**Committee Members Absent:** David Paulson**Board Members Present:** None**Staff Members Present:** Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp, Missy Eidsness, Blake Mikesell, Tara Brandner, Joy Retterath**Recorder:** Jackie Gapp

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
<b>Approval of November 23 Meeting Minutes</b>	Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the November 23 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
<b>Projects</b>	<p>Dr. Gandhi, Blake Mikesell and Jackie Gapp presented information on the following projects:</p> <p><b>North High Track:</b> The North High School Track project was presented along with the opinion of probable costs. The District was notified in the spring of 2021 by NDSU that North High School will no longer be able to use their facilities for track and field. North currently does not have a track and field complex. The project includes a track, parking lot repair, and an alternate for turf placement within the track at an estimated cost of \$8 million. A portion of the parking lot is owned by the Park District who has indicated they do not have the funds to pay for repairs at this time.</p> <p><b>Hawthorne Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE):</b> The plans for an ECSE addition to Hawthorne Elementary School were reviewed along with the opinion of probable costs of approximately \$8 million. The addition would function as a central location for the program. The north location is housed at Longfellow Elementary and a south side location would be developed in the future.</p> <p><b>Agassiz:</b> The estimated costs to demolish the current building and rebuild Dakota High School on the existing property was presented with an estimated cost of \$24 million. This information was previously requested by the committee.</p> <p><b>Locker Rooms:</b> A remodel of the locker rooms at North High School and South High School was discussed. The estimated costs would be approximately \$9 million.</p> <p>Discussion occurred on prioritizing projects and how they could be funded. The committee recommended that the Board review of the North High School Track, ECSE addition and locker room projects at the January 11, 2022 Board Meeting.</p>	The North High School Track, Hawthorne ECSE addition and Locker Room projects will be presented at the January 11, 2022 Board Meeting.
<b>Budget Review</b>	Jackie Gapp presented current general fund budget revisions through June 30, 2021.	
<b>Fiscal Year 2021 Audit</b>	Jackie Gapp provided an update on the progress and status of the 2021 fiscal year financial audit. Currently, a difference of opinion exists between management and the District's independent auditor as to the allowability of approximately \$137,000 of salaries and benefits paid through Education Corps funding, which may result in a Single Audit finding when the audit report is issued for which the District will be able to provide a response. Committee recommended management finalize the audit and not seek additional opinion from the federal government as to the allowability at this time.	
<b>Next Meeting:</b> TBD		