

Fox Chapel Area School District Capital Projects Process

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History

Pre-Construction Phase:

Annual assessments were performed at each building to identify capital projects that need to be addressed on a 0-5 year plan. Work was prioritized and performed as scheduled.

Construction Phase:

Many projects that were identified in the assessments were incorporated into the planning of the renovations at each building. Minimal work was performed through this phase outside of the renovation projects.

Post-Construction Phase:

Continue with our capital projects plan to maintain all five campuses in the district.

Evolving Capital Projects Planning

Prior Process to Capital Projects Planning:

- Annually performed a 5-year, internal review of the mechanical systems of each building.
- Identified projects and prioritized in order of importance with estimated costs associated to each.
- Some projects were completed while others we moved to future years and/or removed from the schedule.
- The goal was to keep each building warm, safe, and dry while integrating some aesthetic improvements.

Evolving Capital Projects Planning (cont'd)

2018 to Present:

- Broadened district view of capital projects planning to align more closely to PDE construction planning and recommendations.
- Engaged Thomas & Williamson to perform a comprehensive 20-year capital projects plan broken into 5-year windows.
- Summarized each building and related needs with estimated costs assigned for each project.
- Have begun planning projects that need to be completed in the next year based on scope and priority.
 - All projects being planned are recommendations for Board of School Directors and contingent on Board of School Directors approval.

Financing

Sources of Financing for Capital Projects:

- Resources have long been allocated to the general fund specific to future capital projects.
- There is currently money allocated specific to capital projects in the general fund (fund 10).
- There is currently money allocated to the capital projects fund (fund 31).
- Historically, a portion of delinquent taxes were allocated to cover capital projects.

Moving Forward

- Continue to refine the identified projects by building and rank in order of priority.
- Collaborate with Administration on project needs and potential for available resources.
- Make sound recommendations to Board of School Directors for consideration and approval.

Examples of Projects Under Consideration

Many projects are not always noticeable but are imperative to keep the buildings functioning.

- Brick pointing (districtwide)
- Domestic hot water heaters (Fox Chapel Area High School and Hartwood Elementary School)
- Window replacement (Dorseyville Middle School)
- Hot water boilers (Dorseyville Middle School)
- Auditorium renovation (O'Hara Elementary School)
- HVAC equipment upgrades (Fairview Elementary School)

Once capital improvements resources are allocated, recommendations will be made to the Board of School Directors for consideration and approval.