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SCASD Board of Directors To Hear Recommendation for Revised District-wide Facility Master Plan Update Calendar

At the July 25 State College Area School District Board of Directors meeting, the district administration will recommend revising the current District-wide Facilities Master Plan - Elementary Update calendar by about two months.

The recommendation stems from the timing of the district's receiving two Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development grants collectively worth \$3.8 million for potential Houserville and Radio Park renovation projects. Projected to be awarded in June, the grants instead were given on July 1 at the start of a new fiscal year.

Consequently, because of the delay, the DCED shifted the prescribed completion date for projects from June 2018 to June 2019. With more time now, the district administration is suggesting the Board select final project options in mid-November instead of late September as originally planned.

To meet the original deadline, the district needed to follow a "highly-accelerated" design and approval phase of nine to 10 months, then a compressed construction phase of about 12 months.

The new deadline allows for a more standard 12-month design and approval phase — including enough time for final document review and bidding — and then an 18-month construction calendar.

As part of [the revised calendar proposal](#), the DWFMP team of architects and district administrators will recommend canceling a scheduled Aug. 15 public forum at Mount Nittany Elementary School to discuss potential changes at Corl Street, Houserville and Radio Park elementary schools. Under the proposed revision, the Aug. 15 forum's agenda would shift to a Sept. 19 forum at Mount Nittany Middle School, and a new forum would be scheduled for Oct. 17 at a location to be determined.

“(The revised calendar) will allow for more information to be developed for the forums, as well as for the options being developed for the Board's consideration,” Superintendent Bob O'Donnell said.

With the DWFMP-Elementary Update, the Board is evaluating several options that comprise various combinations of renovation and new construction choices for the schools under consideration. For Corl Street, the options include the building's closure and repurposing.

Bus garage drainage swale project

The Board will vote on approving a [\\$50,800 drainage swale and bridge repair project](#) for the district's bus garage adjacent to Radio Park Elementary School.

R.C. Bowman, Inc., submitted the lowest bid among three vendors.

The project will continue work started in the fall of 2015, finishing repairs to a badly eroded drainage swale that separates the bus parking area from the school. In the first phase last year, the bank on the west side of the swale was stabilized and a deteriorating bridge across the swale was repaired. The second and final phase will stabilize the swale's east bank.

Phase I cost \$207,000. Both phases are being funded from the Physical Plant office's 5-year capital improvement plan.

State High Project change orders

The Board will vote on [four State High Project change orders](#).

Three of the change orders will add a total of \$8,600 to the project, with the largest being \$5,900.

One change order will be a \$4,500 credit associated with a previous rainwater harvesting system credit. The district already has accepted a \$152,300 credit from the plumbing contractor to delete the system from the project plans.

Agenda discussion items

The Board will hear presentations on the following items:

- [State High Project update on summer construction progress and two potential change orders of \\$18,000 and \\$65,000.](#)
- [A K-12 English Language Arts curriculum proposal](#)

- [A K-5 library curriculum proposal](#)
- [A 2016-2017 state budget update](#)
- [A substitute teacher report for 2015-2016](#)