

White Pigeon Community Schools Board of Education

January 18, 2012



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Preliminary Timeline

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| 1. Planning Tasks | August 2011 |
| 2. Facility Assessment Update | August 2011 |
| 3. Educational Input | Sept. 2011 |
| 4. Community Forum #1 – Finding | October 12 |
| 5. Analyze Input / Refine Options | Mid Oct. – Nov. |
| 6. Community Forum #2 – Options | November 9 |
| 7. Refine Option | Mid Nov.- Dec. |
| 8. Community Forum #3 – Finalize | December 14 |



Preliminary Timeline

- 9. Conduct Community Survey Dec – Jan 9, 2012
- 10. Board Review and Approval of Preferred Option Jan 18, 2012
- 11. Submit Ballot Information Form to County Clerk Feb 1, 2012
- 12. Campaign Feb. – May 2012
- 13. ELECTION May 8, 2012**
- 14. Design Sept. '12 – April '13
- 15. Construction June 2013



Consensus Building



- Facility Assessment completed by TowerPinsker
- Interviews: Staff, Students and Administrations
- Three Community Forums
 - Needs Identified and Prioritized
 - Review of current and future Millage rates
- Community Survey
 - Congruent feedback
- Press releases and internet presence
- Establishment of Steering committee

Information Gathering

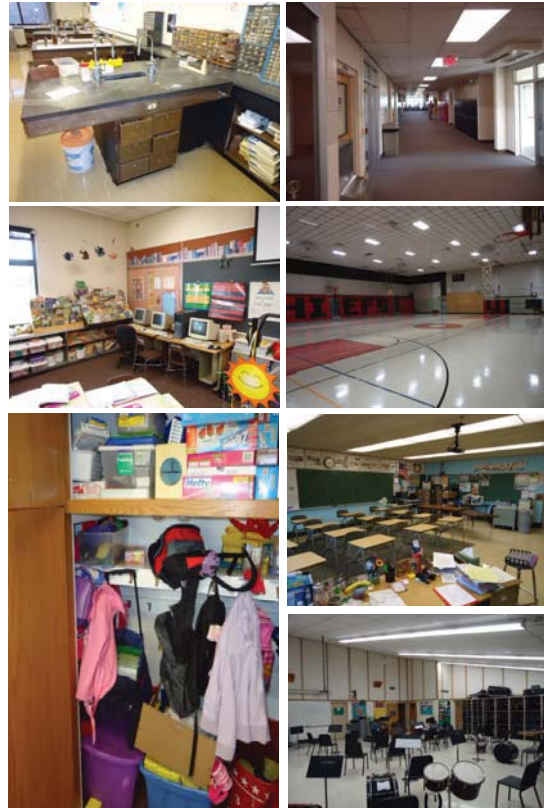
Building Tours

- High School / Elementary / Bus Garage / Grounds

Met with staff

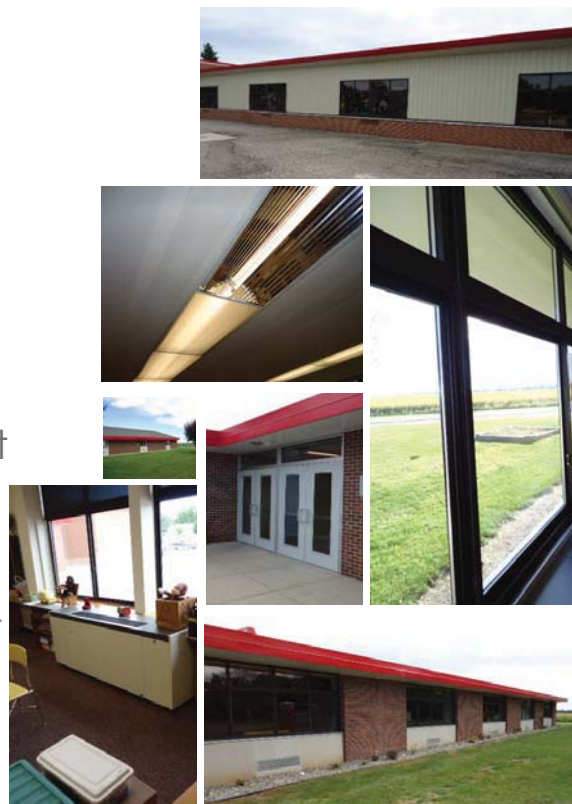
- Teachers / Maintenance / Coaches / Principals / Drivers

Met with students



Past Five Years

- Roof and Fascia Replacement
- Window Replacement
- HVAC Replacement
- HS Bleacher Replacement
- Entry Door Replacement
- Boiler Replacement
- Light Fixture Replacement
- HS Student Locker Replacement





Priorities

- Keep within the current millage rate
- Maintain building infrastructure
- Improve safety
- Improve educational quality



Current Millage Rates

* in comparison White Pigeon is a good value

Sturgis	8.38
Constantine	6.80
Three Rivers	5.50
Edwardsburg	4.90
Centreville	3.90
White Pigeon	3.00



Sinking Fund Renewal

- *no millage increase*

- 3 mills generates approximately \$1,000,000 each year
- Over 5 years will generate approximately \$5,000,000
- Pay as you go - generated funds will not be spent on financing or interest rates
- Funds can not be used for salaries, busses, textbooks, furniture or equipment



Proposed Priorities

- Safety and Security
 - Improve drives, parking and student pick-up / drop off
 - Secure entry at Central Elementary
 - Improve playground safety
- Maintaining Valuable Assets
 - Replace heating lines
 - Gut and replace restrooms and locker rooms
 - Replace plumbing lines
 - Replace electrical services
- Educational Quality
 - Remodel science labs
 - Improve physical education facilities
 - Add outlets to classrooms for expanded technology
 - Improve food service and food quality
 - Remodel and improve media center





Year One – 2013

Central Elementary Infrastructure & Site Safety

- Renovate and replace restrooms
- Replace plumbing lines, plumbing fixtures, storm lines and sanitary lines
- Provide new driveways, parent drop off/pick up and parking to improve safety for student arrival and dismissal
- Replace original electrical panels and service
- Add outlets to classrooms for expanded technology
- Improve instruction and indoor air quality by replacing chalk boards with white boards



Year Two - 2014

High School Infrastructure

- Renovate and replace restrooms and plumbing lines
- Replace aged heating lines
- Replace original electrical panels and service
- Add outlets to classrooms for expanded technology
- Replace Central Elementary gymnasium floor surface to improve student safety and accessibility for athletic practices
- Improve instruction and indoor air quality by replacing chalk boards with white boards





Year Three – 2015

High School Infrastructure

- Remodel high school science labs
- Replace aged kitchen equipment and provide necessary ventilation
- Renovate and replace locker rooms
- Improve storm water system



Year Four - 2016

High School

- Replace side walks and walk ways
- Replace gymnasium balcony bleachers, dividing curtain and basket hoists
- Improve weight room safety with expanded space
- Remodel food science lab

Central Elementary

- Improve exterior lighting and efficiency with LED fixtures to increase safety and security
- Improve playground safety, replace playground equipment and provide new ground surface material
- Provide new kitchen equipment and serving area
- Remodel media center



Year Five - 2017

Central Elementary

- Provide a secure entry vestibule at front door

High School

- Replace parking lot and improve pedestrian safety
- Repair and upgrade stadium bleachers (visitor's side)
- Replace Middle School heating and ventilation equipment



Items not addressed

* If bid market allows for additional work these items could be added

Central Elementary

- Replace and add cabinetry storage 3-5 grade
- Remodel stage (new curtain, lights and sound system)
- Add relief air to gymnasium ventilation
- Provide natural daylight with controls to gym and cafeteria

High School

- Improve ADA access to baseball fields
- Provide paving walk to stadium





Primary Benefits

1. **No Millage Increase** – the millage issue will extend the current millage rate for five years.
2. **Pay as you go / Master Planning Approach** – based on citizen and staff input, this Phased Plan will take care of immediate needs and provide a “pay as you go” approach. This approach eliminates borrowing and interest costs to maximize tax payer dollars.
3. **Capital Improvements Only** – the funds raised can not be used for staff salaries
4. **Healthy Environments** – recent studies have shown that students who are educated in temperature controlled, healthy facilities perform and learn better than students in poorly controlled environments. The sinking fund will address mechanical, plumbing and electrical infrastructure to improve the quality of our school buildings and extend their useful life.
5. **Safety & Security** – the plan addresses access to the schools; drop off circulation with sidewalk and parking improvements; as well as mulch for playground safety. The proposed elementary entrance will be configured to improve safety and better control visitor access to the building.
6. **Energy Savings** – new mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems will use less energy and decrease energy costs. These savings will allow more of our money to go toward student programs.



Next Steps

YES! Campaign

- Kick off Meeting –
Monday February 13,
6:30 PM





Thank you!

