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Operations Committee Minutes

December 15, 2025

5:00 pm - HS Rooms 1710 & 1711

Attendees: Mr. Allen, Mr. Crum, Mr. Newton, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Spence, Mr. Ludwig, Mrs. Jaramillo

I. **Guest Comments**

None

II. **Operations Update**

Mr. Ludwig presented a handout. Snow removal has been a big task this winter due to temperatures and amounts of snow. The maintenance team has done a great job of clearing the campus as quickly as possible.

The Youk unit at the middle school had a second burner stage gas valve fail. Murray Sheet Metal was able to get this fixed very quickly for us. Due to preventative maintenance, the amount of failures and issues has been drastically reduced.

Anode rods in the hot water storage tanks at the middle school were all recently changed along with neutralizer systems.

New soap dispensers have been installed in the preschool classrooms, making it easier for preschool students to access.

Brewer Fire was able to repair an alarm issue at the middle school that has plagued us for over 6 months.

Response times remain high with less than an average 2 day response to work orders and resolution within 2.1 days.

Bob Allen brought up an issue with the elementary playground painted surface. The surface paint has been an issue for a while and is looking worse. Mr. Newton said we definitely need to address this issue at some point in the near future.

III. **Transportation Update**

Mrs. Jaramillo presented a handout. The district was awarded the bus safety grant it applied for. The grant will be used to purchase extended stop arms. The original thought was to purchase an arm that extends across the lane and has stop signs on them. Mrs. Jaramillo would like to change the stop arm to an LED bar that will still extend significantly across the passing lane, but it would also light up with LED lights. This arm is also a cheaper option, meaning more buses could be equipped.

IV. **Athletic Update**

None.



V. **Old Business**

There is GMP for the archery building on tonight's board agenda. The committee was presented with drawings of the building along with a one pager from Wolf Creek Contracting outlining the breakdown of costs. The press box renovation and dirt pile behind building 2 will be part of the archery building project. The timeline for the beginning of construction is expected to be the middle of March.

Grants for outdoor pickle ball and basketball continue to be explored. Mr. Newton had a meeting today with Buckeye Hills and ODOT to discuss. Everyone is excited to help make this happen. Mr. Newton also explained that we can add pickle ball courts to the archery building.

Mr. Newton and Ann Skufcan are still working on funding opportunities for the walking track. Several ideas were discussed including contacting local agencies such as the Conservancy District along with the Marietta Community Foundation. Mr. Crum asked if we can access federal appropriations. Mrs. Wells will look into this and see if this is an option.

Mr. Ludwig is waiting for warm weather to begin the removal of the staining from the split faced block on all buildings.

Mrs. Wells and Mr. Newton are both working together on the capital plan. The goal is to add it to the Board agenda annually in June or July.

Mr. Crum asked about an older topic, installation of a canopy in front of the middle school. Mr. Newton explained that since the student drop off is now in the back of the building the issue has resolved itself. Students go directly to the gym when they are dropped off and are not required to stand outside.

VI. **New Business**

Elementary playground - sunshades. Mr. Ludwig talked about the purchase and installation of a 50' X 50' sunshade over the main play structure at the elementary school. The maintenance department will do the install and the ES Boosters are paying half the cost of material.

VII. **Presentation/discussion of monthly safety topic by staff**

With spring coming up, the discussion was about safety while mowing and everything that goes with the care of the grounds.

Adjourned at 5:27PM. Next Meeting March 26, 2026

