

Case Study:

Boone Central School District

Albion, NE | C-1 School; 556 students | Public School District | Midwest

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Bond Issue



Facility Improvements



Superintendent involvement



SITE AT A GLANCE

693

Unique Visitors

105

Active Participants

280

Total Interactions

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- Cory Worell, Superintendent, Boone Central Schools, in comment on site



What was Boone Central School District's challenge?

After a failed bond issue in the last election, Cory Worell, Superintendent of the Boone Central School District, wanted to do a better job educating and engaging the public on a facilities improvement bond that would be on the ballot in the general election, just four months away.

What was the solution?

Boone Central launched its site by sharing the facilities improvement plan and its history, and asking questions to gauge public support. For the next month, administrators and school board members collected data from participants, who shared their opinions on the plan and completed a survey identifying the most pressing facility needs — which turned out to be the kitchen and safe, secure entrances. All the while, the superintendent answered participants' questions, commented on ideas and let them know their feedback was appreciated.

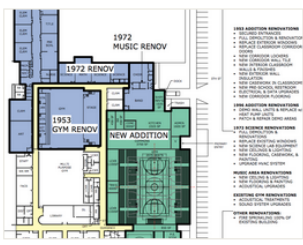


Engagement from Boone Central School District

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The Current Plan

Posted Jul 8 73 Interactions ↔ 📅 Topic is now closed



Would you approve of the current facility plan?

Description

Topic Details

Click here to view our current facility plan. Highlights of the plan include classroom renovations in the 1953 elementary building and heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades to the 1996 elementary addition. The 1972 science wing would also receive renovations. The new construction consists of a new kitchen, cafeteria/commons space, gymnasium, locker rooms, office space, wrestling deck and a weight/fitness room. This plan also calls for secured entrances in Albion and Petersburg.

Yes, I'd approve it. 46


No, I wouldn't approve it. 19

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Votes

65


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Comments

8



Emily K.
5 months ago


I like some of the changes, specifically implementing additional security and the new kitchen. It is nice for community members to have input as the tax payers that are going to be covering the cost. However, I would really like to hear more from the staff if this will meet their needs and what the priorities should be for them to be successful in creating a learning environment where our children can thrive.



Bonnie W.
5 months ago

Could you post a floor plan with the current size of rooms and use? Some may not be familiar with where things are all located now. Might be helpful for people to compare the rooms proposed to be resized and repurposed like the current kitchen and art and special ed. rooms. I don't see elementary art or music rooms? Would they share with high school or be done in the classrooms? Would you close some entrances in order to force people to use the secured ones?


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Cory Worrell, Superintendent of Boone Central Schools
5 months ago

Emily, we have received feedback from the staff. We shared this information with them this spring. Having these conversations with everyone involved is a good thing and allows the school board and administrators to have a wider view of the need. Thanks for your input.

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Cory Worrell, Superintendent of Boone Central Schools
5 months ago

Bonnie, great idea. I will work to get something posted like you describe above. Elementary and High School will share the art room which will be the two classrooms north of our current kitchen. Art will be held in these two classrooms this year. The bond issue would renovate those rooms for art. Vocal music for elementary and high school will be housed in the high school vocal music room now and into the future. We currently keep only the southeast high school entrance and the west elementary entrance as open now. This plan would secure those and people would be forced to be "buzzed" into the building from those entrances. Great feedback and questions!