

Here are answers to questions that you may have! Most of these questions were posed at the meetings that were held at all 3 school campuses.

As the district looked at all 3 schools and what the needs were, the “big picture” has been broken down into 3 phases, with phase 1 being the priority at this time.

**Phase 1** – the expansion of the current music room, expansion of the parking lot to be used for the WTPAC and sporting events, new performing arts facility to be used by the music department for class, concerts & musicals. This would also be used for all school assemblies, lectures and any other departments within the school that would have a use for the facility. This facility would also be open to those in the community needing business meeting space and for outside entertainment that would be open to the public. The Board of Education has decided to put \$2 million dollars towards this project.

### **Why does the music room need enlarged?**

The current music room is the classroom for all JH/HS bands and choirs. With the schedule, the room has to be refigured a minimum of 4 times per day. This includes setting up and tearing down risers for choir, setting up chairs and stands and taking them down for band. The current space is maxed out with students and the equipment/instruments needed for each class.

### **How much money does the school receive annually from wind farm companies?**

The amount has been different year to year, but in FY 17 the school received \$706,923.46.

### **What is that money used for?**

The Board has utilized this money to hire additional staff members to assist in areas where we were falling short on the Ohio Department of education District Report card. Specifically, we have hired additional interventional specialists to provide additional assistance to varying groups of students who have typically struggled academically.

### **When will the school see more money come in from the Payne wind farm and the new one being built?**

Tax revenue from the farm north of Payne will come in FY 19. As for the new wind farm, that revenue will depend on when it is constructed and final wattage is figured.

### **The school board is giving the WTPAC committee until June 1 to privately raise at least 3 million dollars. How will the remaining money be obtained?**

The Board has asked that the WTPAC committee raise no less than 3 million privately. If the full amount of the funds for the project are not raised, the Board would look to the public for approval of a levy to cover the remaining costs. The levy would be for no more than 1 mil.

### **What does 1 mil equate to in taxpayer dollars and how long would the millage be in place?**

1 mil for a home owner of a \$100,000 home would equal \$35. The millage would likely be in place for 30 years.

**What happens if the levy would be voted down?**

The committee would have to go back to the architect and look at ways to trim the project.

**If this is the first phase of 3 projects being looked at district wide, what are the other 2 phases?**

The second phase would include an athletic/maintenance storage/bus facility to be built on the high school campus. Phase three may include traffic flow updates and storage solutions at each elementary school campus.

**Is the school district financially sound in the operational budget so that a proposed millage wouldn't hinder educational money?**

The Board has worked very closely with the Treasurer and Superintendent to be certain if funds are taken out of our carry over to support this project, we will still be able to continue to provide the high quality education our stakeholders are accustomed to here at Wayne Trace.

**Have future needs of all 3 schools been assessed and taken into account for future budget needs?**

The site plan included all 3 campuses. An initial assessment was done at each campus to first assess the current structures to be certain they were in good shape before moving forward with any new construction.

A new facility would be an asset to our school. We are continually looking to move forward in all areas to stay competitive for our students and provide them with the tools for success.

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