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Southeast & Southwest Elementary Schools of the Lebanon School District

Tried and True for the *RED* & *BLUE*

Southeast and Southwest Elementary Schools in Lebanon, PA were completed in the fall of 2008, in time to open brand new doors to yet another group of eager students! The current renovations and additions are the first construction the historic schools have seen since they were originally built in 1954. The project was a special thrill for Partner in Charge Bob Hoffman, who was in the first class to walk through the doors of Southwest Elementary!

**“Each time I pass through
the doors of Southwest,
memories of days past
fill my mind...**

**How great it has been to be
part of a team ensuring that
many future generations will
also share wonderful years in
this venerable school!”**

- Bob Hoffman -

The sites of both schools have been improved with efficient vehicular and pedestrian traffic patterns and badly needed parking. New windows, in the school colors of red and blue, air conditioning, sprinkler systems, new ceilings, floor and wall finishes, new cabinets and vital security upgrades have been included. *(cont'd page 2)*



FEATUREProject

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and pick up your environmentally friendly **re-usable market bag!**

The Three R's of Sustainable Design

Re-use ■ Recycle ■ Renew



Check It Out !

Beers & Hoffman has established a *Green Architecture Checklist* to track progress of incorporating sustainable design into all new projects. The checklist is defined by the LEED certification system created by the U. S. Green Building Council.

“Our approach is to use this checklist as a framework for setting green goals with our clients”

- William Barlow A.I.A., LEED A.P. -

RED & BLUE (cont'd)

The designs complement the existing schools' architecture, and provide attractive, serviceable, and economical facilities poised for many decades of continued service to the Lebanon community. The Lebanon School District is to be congratulated for maintaining and improving their wonderful building stock. In so doing, the district is in line with the 21st century's awareness of green, environmentally appropriate facility management.

Lobar, Inc. of Dillsburg, general contractor and Fairchild Services of Reading, construction manager, round out the tried and true team of this alma mater's red and blue!

“The renovations at Southeast and Southwest are making a big difference in the learning environments that we are providing for our students. The students, teachers, and parents have expressed their satisfaction and excitement about both of these schools!”

- Marianne T. Bartley, Ed.D., Superintendent -
Lebanon School District



RENOVATION - Still a Good (and Green) Idea

As school buildings age, the inevitable question a school district faces is, "Is it better to renovate or replace these facilities?" For many of our clients, saving existing schools at a lower renovation cost has proven to be a win-win situation.

Occasionally, significant district growth or un-repairable conditions will lead a school district to new construction. However, if properly maintained facilities are renovated with well-designed upgrades, modifications, and additions as necessary these structures can extend their usefulness for many decades. Data continues to confirm that renovating a solid building shell usually costs less than new construction.

In addition, specifying major building component items with warranties to match or exceed the 20-year PA Department of Education reimbursement cycle qualifies renovated schools for full maximized reimbursement. PDE also provides a 10% reimbursement bonus for renovations and additions to existing buildings. Use sustainable "green" LEED standards and the district can double its bonus! All this amounts to minimized taxpayer burden!

Beyond technical "green" principles, "Smart Growth" concepts also apply to reusing schools. In a return to days of yesteryear, preserving downtown schools retains walk-able communities. With escalated gasoline prices, the cost benefit in minimizing travel and busing is clearly evident today.

Finally, the unique character and details of historic schools, including materials, labor, and energy spent are truly lost forever with complete demolition.

In 2007, Secretary Kathleen McGinty of the Department of Environmental Protection summarizes this topic in the PDE brochure titled "Renovate or Replace" by stating "...the No. 1 principle of green building design is to renovate and recycle existing buildings." We agree!



Cornwall Elementary



Henry Houck Elementary



A Reason to Smile

When you think of **Scott Shonk**, you think of someone with a ready smile and a gentle disposition. Who would've guessed that inside this kind-hearted man the hemophilia he was born with was wreaking havoc on his body? Forty years of internal bleeding in his joints led to two right hip replacements, left ankle fusion, right elbow arthritis, and self-fusion of the right ankle. Much of his childhood was spent on crutches (and in pain) due to repeated bleeding in his ankle joints.

Even though Scott has always loved sports, his participation has been limited. He focused his energy on studying and graduated as the valedictorian of both his Ephrata High School class and the five-year Architecture Program at Penn State University. (We believe he's also the #1 fan at Nittany Lion football games!)

Through Penn State, he spent a semester studying at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London, England, and experienced many architectural marvels traveling throughout Europe. In 1993, Scott earned his Master of Architecture degree at the University of Pennsylvania. By 1999, he became one of the youngest architects to serve as president of the AIA Central PA chapter.

Now, Scott and his wife Angel are avid wildlife watchers as a result of the window walls in their unique home that Scott designed and situated on a wooded lot just outside the town of Lititz.

Last Christmas, Scott was diagnosed with liver failure and put on the transplant list. Just before Easter, the transplant surgery took place and Scott's recovery has been amazing! One of the awesome "side effects" of the transplant is that Scott is no longer a hemophiliac.

With the firm for 14 years, Scott is back working full-time. His faith, along with the tremendous support of family, friends, clients and associates, has brought him through a very challenging time with both his smile and sense of humor in tact.



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Team Training at Philhaven

Philhaven is planning to build an 8,700 sq.ft., state-of-the-art facility to provide much needed space for training of their one thousand staff members and for community education programs.

The Grace M. Pollock Training & Community Center, to be located on the Mt. Gretna campus of Philhaven, will be equipped with video conferencing links to Philhaven sites in Lancaster, York and Harrisburg. Construction is slated to begin within the next six months.

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