

Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2020



Committee Purpose

The Committee provides the School Board with a broad, high-level overview of buildings and grounds areas of the district, acts as a sounding board for various projects, develops the project philosophy for both short-term and long-term needs, and provides communication back to the full School Board.

Committee Leadership

*Charles Merris, School Board Committee Chair
Mike Donato, School Board Committee Vice-Chair*

Start Time: 4:36 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting

Attended:

Board Members: Linda Johnston, Grant Keener, Adam Aloisi, Dylan Bard, Patrick Wagner, Jim Maurer, Charles Merris, Mike Donato

Administration: Mike Bromirski, Tab Musser, Mike Graham, Mark Brooks, Sheryl Pursel

Other:

Time for Public Comment: No comments

Discussion Items:

1. Engineering Contracts – Capital and Storm Water Projects

- Administration presented information to the Board pertaining to the justification for contracting with engineering firms to create bid documents and specifications for capital and storm water management project for next year.
- Administration recommended utilizing the two engineering firms that were contracted by the architect that performed the feasibility study, since these two firms possess a detailed knowledge of the types and scope of work that has been identified.
- Administration felt that this recommendation would be more cost effective than contracting with new firms, which would have to start at the beginning. Both firms are local and have worked with the district previously.

2. Painting Contract – Prevailing Wage

- Administration explained that the Board approved an RFP for a 3-year painting contract in February, 2019.
- The proposal submitted did not include prevailing wage rates for the week-day work.
- Administration identified that this contract exceeds the Pennsylvania prevailing wage threshold and requires the contractor to pay, moving forward, their employees the Pennsylvania Department of Labor approved prevailing wage rates for labor.

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- The contract called for a separate rate for weekend work. The contractor indicated that he would be unable to afford to pay his workers the prevailing wage on the weekday rate; however, he would be able to comply with the prevailing wage regulations if the district allowed him to invoice the bided weekend rate on the weekdays.

3. Water Proofing Administration Building – Costars Contractor

- Administration provided the Board with an update on needed work at the administration building.
- One issue that has been identified is the need to remedy the water infiltration issue.
- It was determined that various sections of the brick exterior are in need of repointing, and the north facing side of the building needs to be water proofed.
- Administration contacted several vendors which qualify under the corporative purchasing program called Costars. This Commonwealth of Pennsylvania program negotiates prices for goods and services with various vendors, and then certifies them to perform work or supply goods without the local municipal government or school district being required to individually bid this work or items.
- Administration has received a proposal for the needed work from a Costars vendor in the area and would like to move forward with the project.

4. High School Fire Hydrant - Valve Replacement

- Hempfield Water Authority (HWA) notified the school district that they identified an underground leak affecting a fire hydrant located on the west side of the high school.
- HWA was able to shut off the water to the valve that was leaking. It was determined that, in addition to the valve needing to be replaced, the fire hydrant itself needed to be replaced.
- Administration, working with the water authority, developed a plan to resolve the issue. The district will replace the valve, located underground, and the water authority will supply the fire hydrant replacement.
- Administration is waiting on the cost estimate from the contractor recommended by the water authority. This contractor has performed other emergency water related work for the district in the past.

5. Tower Removal - Remove Problem Tower and Relocate Equipment

- Administration presented proposals for the removal of an approximately 100 foot guy wire supported tower located on the roof of Centerville Elementary School. This tower is no longer needed in this location and is causing issues with the roofing system.
- The first proposal called for the removal and disposal of the existing tower. The second proposal called for the relocation of the existing equipment to a new location within the district, on a district-owned property.

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6. Capital Reserve - Technology and AV Requests

- Administration provided the Board with information about several technology and audio video requests that will be forthcoming, including AV upgrades to the Buchanan Gym sound system, as well as some regulatory upgrades to an audio system at the high school.

7. Feasibility & Attendance Study – Option 5

- Administration presented to the Board another concept for addressing the increased projected student enrollment and facility capacity decision that the district has been studying.
- Additional option provides for increasing the student capacity in an existing building by constructing a new building on existing district-owned property.
- Under this concept, once the new building was completed, students would relocate to the new building and the district would demolish the existing building.
- This concept would eliminate the need to locate and purchase a parcel of property within the identified sending zone.
- The Board was provided information on how this option would affect projected enrollment and building capacity counts.

Adjourn: 6:07 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are scheduled at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building.

May 19, 2020