Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting
April 20, 2021

Committee Purpose
The Committee provides the School Board with a broad, high-level overview of building 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

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Start Time: 5:01 pm

Location: Admin Public Board Room

Attendees:
Board Members: Adam Aloisi, Mike Donato, Grant Keener (virtually), Linda Johnston, Jim Maurer, Charles Merris, Pat Wagner (late arrival), and Dylan Bard

Administration: Mike Bromirski, Mark Brooks, Mike Graham, Karen Hall, Tab Musser and Kim James

Time for Public Comment: None (5-minute limit per Board Policy 903)

Agenda Items:

- Church Street Update. Mr. Bromirski updated the board on his meeting with the East Hempfield team regarding the Penn Dot Church Street repaving project. Penn Dot is closed to any changes at this time. The crosswalk at Kauffman and Church will remain. Initially, Hempfield was told that it would be removed; however, since the crosswalk is tied to the signal permit for that particular intersection, the crosswalk will be repainted once the paving is complete. It is highly unlikely that
Penn Dot will reduce the speed limit on Church Street to 25 mph unless there is a designated school zone sign. Typically, Penn Dot roads are not less than 35 mph. Anyone wishing to pursue the school zone signs would need to go through the Township since Church Street is a state road. The roads leading out of the Hampton Heath development continue to be areas of concern. There is no plan to connect the two Hampton Heath developments nor a plan to add to the existing sidewalks in the development that would allow students to walk safely to school from Hampton Heath. The community member who requested that Hempfield look into the matter is aware of the district’s response. The resident will update the board at a later date. It is recommended that Hempfield continue to provide busing services to these students. Penn Dot will begin their work in the summer of 2022.

- A second update from Mr. Bromirski involves the Landisville Transportation Committee that Mr. Bromirski was asked to be a part of. This committee’s plan is to increase active transportation, such as walking and biking, around the Hempfield campus. This is a two-tier plan with the first phase starting at the intersection of Main and Church, continuing east to Nissley Road. The hope is to create biking/walking paths for the community to navigate around the campus. The second tier would run from Nissley Road to the hospital, allowing pedestrians to travel to the hospital on foot or bike rather than by automobile or public transportation. East Hempfield is currently working on this, using the grant monies received from the government. Mr. Bromirski asked the transportation committee about the possibility of extending the project to the area south of Main Street. It is too early in the process to give further details. The committee will be pushing this out to the community for their feedback, bringing the feedback back to the Township supervisors with final approval in late summer or early fall. Mr. Bromirski will continue to be a part of this committee and attend feedback sessions as he is able. Keep in mind this is not a school district initiative but is an East Hempfield Township initiative.

- CMS Roofing/HVAC Update: Mrs. James provided the board with photos of the ceiling of the CMS gymnasium. After discussing with the roofer, the district will not need to take down the lighting and ceiling during the roofing process. To protect the gym floor, netting and/or plastic will be in place. To save time and money, the district will purchase two rooftop units and two recovery units rather than looking to the consultant to purchase. This will minimize mark-up costs. Moore Engineering has provided specifications for these units. The district will be using Costars for the equipment part of the install. Mrs. James presented the results of the asbestos testing of the gym roof at CMS. No asbestos has been reported. The roofing work will take place over the summer.

- Band Trailers Update: The district put this out for a bid. However, the one vendor who put in a bid did not include the amount. The district will need to put out another bid.
Food Services Update: The district has posted for the director of food services position. The new menu that was rolled out on April 1 has been quite successful. Since April 1, breakfast sales have increased by 17% and lunches by 14%. For the first 10 days of April, 164 more breakfasts were purchased and 388 more lunches were purchased. Although our total meal counts from August 2020 to the present are less than last year, the district is hopeful that these numbers will continue to increase. The board would like monthly updates on this. The district will continue to find ways to increase revenue in the food services department; i.e., selling pretzels from the Philadelphia Pretzel Company, providing sushi, and offering more Domino Pizza days—all of which are very popular with the students. An RFP will be going out for Pepsi and/or Coke and whomever else wishes to participate. Once this is completed, the district will have a better sense on the revenue this will produce. A question came from the board about who is running food services in the interim. Mr. Brooks responded that a consultant and Mrs. Donato are assisting. The department is being run collaboratively until a replacement is hired. A board member requested pricing information for Domino’s pizzas. Mr. Brooks will make these numbers available at a future meeting.

Adjourn: 5:40 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates:
May 18, 2021 (Administration Building, Public Board Room)
June 22, 2021 (Administration Building, Public Board Room)