

Facilities Advisory Committee

November 20, 2018

4:00 pm

Present were Ms. Clancy, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Valentine, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Sangiuliano, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Messori, Mr. Wilmarth, Mr. Learned and Mr. Quaratella.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Messori.

- Mike starting the meeting off by describing general purpose of the committee, introductions of each person assembled.
- Lots of feedback on the work being done on the grounds, but not as much on the facilities
- The RIDE report that was made in 2016 often had things that were overlooked
  - Disregard the section on the old middle school
- Could there be another report done? Would that benefit our long range vision?
- Key question: given the limited pool of money, how do we prioritize projects for our district?
- Capital policy: 1% of operating balance is reserved for these types of significant projects (up to 900k Nayatt paving project)
- With that budgetary constraint in mind, we have the question of bonding for the high school roof, and whether we should have a bunch of requests put together into one
- Summertime is the best opportunity for us to work on projects
- Comment: building representatives should be contacts who highlight work that is pressing
- Generally we're contracting out over the summer, town work crew is possibly too small to handle some of the bigger/more complex work
- We at times hire students to do smaller projects, but not those that are skilled work
- Recent projects: digital heating, Nayatt/Sowams; interior doors, elementary; parking lot, HS (750k); all parking lots really have been updated (except HMS); preschool playground put in place; ADA work done with ramps, railings, bathrooms; safety features for card entry; sonitrol is monitoring for an alarm; removing the asbestos flooring from the schools, altogether about 5m dollars, all from the 1% fund
- The tile of HMS needs to be replaced but it's not at an emergency status
- When we have something approved by RIDE, we can get 30% back on the cost of the project, this is contingent on maintaining an updated 5 year plan (hence the committee)
- Potentially, let's go through a school for each meeting and then once we've reviewed their various projects, we can rank them.
- The technology number seemed to be high, from the RIDE report.
- The community will have to bond 10-20m every ten years for regular school maintenance (roofing, plumbing, electrical, ADA updates, etc)
- We're worried about pre-school enrollment as well - where would that fit?
- We need to make sure that we work hard to prioritize which projects are the most necessary/needed at the time

- Proposal to have an outside consultancy come in and complete a study which would guide our next ten years
  - 16-18 month process where they'd come in 1/month
  - EG had this process completed and resulted in several bonds and a new MS
  - Estimated to cost around \$100,000, which could probably come from the 1% fund
  - Allocating money into the bonds for this type of long term study would be a path to sustainability
- Closed meeting by resolving to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 4pm, starting our school tour at BHS