

BUDGET / FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, March 28, 2016

Mt. Hope High School - Cafeteria

Present

Subcommittee: Marjorie McBride, Chair; John Bento and Bill O'Dell

School Committee, Administration and Staff: John Saviano; Mario Andrade, Superintendent; Pauline Silva, Director of Administration & Finance; and George Simmons, Facilities Director

Marj M. called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: John B. made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting; seconded by Bill O. The motion passed unanimously.

FACILITIES FOCUS

MHHS Fields

George S. reported that the MHHS Fields Project remains at a stand-still. Funding research continues.

Mario A. shared an update regarding reimbursement from RIDE for the MHHS Fields Project. He added that full reimbursement from RIDE would be the best means for funding rather than a DEM grant.

Marj M. reiterated that the District is still aggressively pursuing funding by the State for the MHHS Fields Project.

A discussion ensued.

MHHS Heating, Ventilation and Air Quality (HVAQ)

George S. reported that the final documents for the MHHS Heating, Ventilation and Air Quality (HVAQ) work have been submitted to RIDE and are awaiting approval.

A short discussion ensued on the timeline for completion.

Small Truck Bid

George S. distributed a vehicle comparison sheet which outlined uses of the proposed maintenance vehicle, listed three viable maintenance vehicle choices with pricing, and provided a recommendation for the type of vehicle that is the most versatile.

Marj M. expressed concern on whether it is necessary for a day to day

maintenance vehicle to have a snow plow option. George S. explained the rationale for requesting a maintenance vehicle with a snow plow option.

A discussion ensued.

George S. stated that his preference for a maintenance vehicle is an SUV.

A consensus was reached by the Subcommittee to go out to bid for an SUV. Pauline S. stated that she will submit SUV bid specs to the Subcommittee with plans to advertise by Friday, April 1, 2016.

MOTION: John B. made a motion to approve going out to bid for an SUV for use as a maintenance vehicle; seconded by Bill O.

The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET FOCUS

FY16 Budget

Pauline S. reported that the FY16 Budget is right where it is expected to be for this time of year.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Recommend for a full School Committee vote approval of Bond Counsel Services**

Pauline S. stated that the District has not gone out to bid for bond counsel since the last refinance in 2009. She added that the District has a unique opportunity to refinance at this time which would yield a \$1.4 million savings in cash flow over the life of outstanding bonds - about 12 years.

Pauline S. requested guidance from the Subcommittee on how to proceed with refinancing. She emphasized that “time is of the essence”.

A discussion ensued.

A consensus was reached by the Subcommittee to move forward with an RFP for bond counsel services.

Pauline S. stated that she will have the RFP for bond counsel services ready by the end of the week.

Marj M. stated that the Bond Counsel Services item will be pulled from the full business meeting agenda.

2. Recommend for a full School Committee Vote approval of Colt Andrews School Drainage

Bid

George S. stated that the Colt Andrews School Drainage Bid covers resurfacing of the entire area and installing new grates for the storm drains. He also described the work involved for the alternates of the Colt Andrews School Drainage Bid.

A discussion ensued.

MOTION: Bill O. made a motion to recommend to the full School Committee, Landscaping Services for the Colt Andrews School Drainage Bid; seconded by John B.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Recommend for a full School Committee vote approval of transferring \$50,000 for switches and \$25,000 for furniture to the equipment line

Pauline S. explained the necessity behind the request for new switches.

Pauline S. stated that the District is looking to purchase flexible furniture for the Math Department at KMS.

A discussion ensued.

MOTION: John B. made a motion to recommend to the full School

Committee approving transferring \$50,000 for switches and \$25,000 for furniture to the equipment line; seconded by Bill O.

The motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Recommend for a full School Committee vote approval of emergency repair replacement of faulty electric panels – Hugh Cole School**

George S. reported that a month ago Rhode Island Interlocal Trust Management notified every school that the older electrical panels that were installed in many municipal buildings in the 1950s and 1960s have been deemed unsafe due to risk of fire and need to be either retrofitted or replaced immediately. Rhode Island Interlocal Trust Management put the District on notice that the panels at Hugh Cole School are unsafe and need to be replaced immediately.

MOTION: Bill O. made a motion to recommend to the full School Committee approving emergency repair replacement of faulty electric panels at Hugh Cole School; seconded by John B.

The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting – Monday, April 18, 2016

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: At 6:00 p.m. Bill O. made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by John B. The motion passed unanimously.

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