

new gym floor and roof work. There are some cosmetics that need to be addressed—such as ceiling tiles and rugs. You can't do that if the roof is leaking. Looking at the projects that have been laid out, there are major projects that need to be addressed first. At the WACTC, the state came in and put a new fire alarm system, new lighting and ceilings in, but they disregarded the fact that the roof needed to be replaced. Now the ceiling tiles are all wrecked. I don't think anything has been done at McFee in the last four or five years. All of this work is being done by our workers during regular business hours. No overtime is being paid and the money is there in the maintenance budget as part of the work order process. I was surprised that this is even on for a vote, quite frankly. We are moving some cabinets and cutting a couple of holes in walls," explained Spagna "You are talking about six Facilities' workers a day or two to do this? Who is going to cover the schools while they do this work?" asked Mrs. McGuire-Forcier.

Mr. Peter Fontaine, Facilities Director, explained that custodians aren't being pulled out of their schools to do this work. "This is just another work order for the Maintenance Dept.," he said. "I hear from many of the teachers and principals that many work orders are behind. So you're telling me that if I go into the schools, they will say they are all caught up?" she asked. "They should be. We do work orders every Tuesday morning," said Fontaine. "Are any of the walls being cut into load-bearing?" McGuire-Forcier asked. Fontaine answered that one wall is but they are putting a header into it to support it. "The total budget I quoted to Mr. Spagna was \$1,700 for materials," he said. Mrs. McGuire-Forcier asked why the playground isn't being moved from 5th Avenue School to Coleman School. Fontaine explained that they have had a request and they don't have the staff to do it. "That was erected by volunteers," said Fontaine. "Usually you come to us with things going on in the district. We had to hear about the McFee renovations from phone calls," said McGuire-Forcier. "This is just cleaning up. I don't even know the last time the rug was cleaned. We just want it to be more conducive to a good working environment. The guys that are working would be doing something else if there was another job. There is no other job right now," said Donoyan. "That's great, but when we wanted something done at Coleman, we had to do it. That's why it looks bad to the parents. When McFee needs it, it's done. When someone else needs it, they have to have volunteers do it," noted McGuire-Forcier. "We have a Controller working in an office that is not secure. The server with all the WED's financial information is sitting on the floor and someone could just kick it walking by. Once the desks are moved, the carpet is going to need to be cleaned. I can support that," said Roberts. "When the playground was moved from Second Avenue to 5th Avenue, we had some people ask if it could be moved to Costa Park," noted Mrs. Nadeau. "You had asked me and the answer is no. It has to stay at a school. The question about moving it to Coleman was whether or not that school was going to stay open at the time," explained Fontaine. "Could that playground even be moved now?" asked Nadeau. Fontaine said that the playgrounds were just inspected and they are only done once a year. He will call the Trust to have it assessed to see if it can even be moved.

CONFERENCES: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Donoyan

Dr. Donoyan reported that from September 26th to the 29th, the National American Federation of Teachers invited Jeff Partington, herself and George Nasuti to attend their conference. They were recognized for their work with teacher contracts and negotiations. "Long gone are the adversarial partnerships like in the old days," she said.

Motion to receive and place on file: V. Phongsavanh

2nd: E. Nadeau (Unan. Approved)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOOD & WELFARE:

E. Nadeau: Passed.

A. McGuire-Forcier: Thanked everyone who voted. She hopes that they go out again on November 5th. Thanked the PTO at Bernon Heights who did the fundraising to get the playground put in and all the volunteers who helped install it. She and her husband helped out as well as Mr. Roberts.

C. Roberts: Said he was onsite to fix anything that Mrs. McGuire-Forcier did wrong (only kidding). There were close to 100 volunteers helping out. He asked Mr. Fontaine if they could have another American flag at Coleman because theirs is in tough shape. Asked Mr. Spagna about doing quarterly billing for the sending districts for tuition. Mr. Spagna said they are doing that and the sending districts are in agreement with the students that we have billed for.

V. Phongsavanh: Passed.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.: A. McGuire-Forcier

2nd: V. Phongsavanh (Unan. Approved)

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy G. Belisle, Substitute WSC Recording Clerk