

**Town of Lincoln**

**Budget Board Meeting**

**April 5, 2008**

**Municipal Tour**

**8:00 am – 8:30 am**

**Present:**

**Bob Ericson Greg Leonard Carl Brunetti Ken Booth**

**Public Works Director John MacQueen was present to answer any questions.**

**There were 2 sand and salt trucks that were purchased in the 1980's that will probably not be fit to go out on the road next year.**

**There is a new road sweeper in the budget for next year.**

**A Sterling truck purchased for approximately \$150,000 is very reliable.**

**A new Senior Bus was purchased.**

**Greg Leonard asked how many miles the Senior Buses put on in a year.**

**John MacQueen noted that they are the road every day, and the air conditioning is reported to not work very well but that could have something to do with the frequent stops and opening and closing of the bus doors.**

**The 2 new rubbish trucks that were purchased could be used for leave bag pick ups, Christmas tree pickups, and for smaller loads from the parks for Parks and Recreation in the summer.**

**There was a gray car on the lot that John MacQueen did not know why it was there.**

**Greg Leonard asked if there are any speed bumps in town.**

**John MscQueen stated that they might try putting some on Parker Street, but at this point he does not know if it is legal to install speed bumps.**

**The gas pump works well, but there is a cement pad that needs to be fixed where the cars pull in.**

**There needs to be a system so that the trucks are not accessible because 2 plows were stolen.**

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**School Tour**

**9:00 am – 11:00 am**

**Present:**

**Ken Booth Carl Brunetti Greg Leonard Linda Noble**

**Joe Renning Cheryl Ethier Sheila Chisholm Bob Ericson**

**Angelo Mencucci Georgia Fortunato Lori Miller Lou Fusco**

## **High School**

**The old middle school corridor is where there was abatement, painting, and locker painting.**

**The old middle school gym entrance doors are not in compliance, and they also would like to paint the gym ceiling, and replace lighting because it is some of the oldest lighting in the building.**

**Joe Renning asked if the gym door entrance is a fire code issue. It is not a fire code issue because there is no panic bar on them, but it is not ADA compliant right now.**

**The old middle school gym is used by Parks and Recreation often.**

**In the connector hallway they would like to remove the carpet and paint it to make it look more uniform.**

**In the 300-section the stair treads, rails painted, ceiling tiles painted, and lighting replacement were all completed as well as an ADA access with lift installed. The lighting has 3 options of occupied, unoccupied, and semi-occupied.**

**At the rear entrance of the school, the carpet was replaced, and as an example of how the 300 section used to appear, the Budget Board**

**viewed the stairway at the rear of the high school gym.**

**In the high school gym, they would like to replace the divider because it is tough mechanically to operate and there is fear that it will at one point be stuck open or closed.**

**The divider would be the same cost as was paid at the new middle school, but the high school gym is a little bit larger.**

**Also, the existing divider would remain because removing it would double the cost of the work.**

**The re-keying for security would mean bonded keys so that they cannot be copied, and there would also be full security to pick up sound of anyone in the building which go together.**

**Georgia Fortunato noted that the school has had 2 break-ins since she has been Superintendent.**

**Bob Ericson asked if their insurance company would look through the building to make recommendations because if the insurer makes recommendations and they follow them, there may be a savings in the insurance cost.**

**Angelo noted that he could meet with the insurer before drawing the RFP and make the RFP contingent upon the insurer's recommendations.**

**Ken Booth noted that he met with the Town Administrator, School Committee, and School Finance.**

**Georgia Fortunato noted that they would come up with some different**

scenarios of increases at 2%, 2.5%, 3%, etc.

Cheryl Ethier noted that the Budget Board School Subcommittee has some recommendations of where to adjust also.

Georgia Fortunato noted that, for tuitions, there is a “Rule of 10” where they cannot give the number of children at each tuition paid school anywhere out of district unless there are more than 10 at a school, which Lincoln does not have.

### **Central Elementary**

There are 2 modes of lighting – occupied and unoccupied.

At the time the school was on the unoccupied cycle, and not even the ventilation system was on.

In the corridor, they would like an abatement and tile installed to match the entrance.

The lav stalls were replaced, and they are the only school that has auto-flush urinals which they are looking to replace. The cost of this would be only to purchase materials because the labor would be in-house.

The paving of the rear area would be to increase parking by 13 spaces.

The security access is because when teachers are outside with

**students during recess, if they want to re-enter the building they have to go around to the front because all other doors lock.**

**Of the energy conservation money, \$8,500 will be used for Fairlawn and Saylesville to set up fan cycles on a timer.**

**Angelo stated that studies have shown that 55 degrees is optimum for unoccupied space because things do not freeze and it is easy to come back to higher temperatures, but it depends on the situation and some locations are able to go lower and come back easily and some need to go higher because they are more difficult to heat back up.**

### **Lonsdale Elementary**

**Room darkening shades were installed in the multi-purpose room.**

**The doorway to the courtyard was installed and it was used for smaller recesses during construction at the school.**

**There is currently no sound system.**

**In the entry hall, they would like to remove carpet with a full abatement so that it looks like the entry at the high school.**

**Angelo noted that there is not a lot of room above the ceiling to move lighting.**

**Cheryl asked if new lighting is energy efficient when they have it put**

**in, and whether that brings costs of installation up.**

**Angelo noted that it does not increase the cost because Lou Fusco submits for rebates available and it saves on maintenance such as the replacing of bulbs.**

**The plumbing upgrades are for 17 lav stalls, and it is just for the cost of materials because the job will be done in-house.**

**Joe Renning asked if the carpeting is an aesthetic issue that can be put off for another year with some maintenance, or a safety issue.**

**Angelo noted that when the carpeting gets wet it buckles and has to be peeled back and reglued.**

**Tile costs the same as carpeting because they do go for the quality carpeting that lasts longer.**

**Also, the carpeting would be phased in and not done all at once.**

### **Saylesville Elementary**

**Lighting in the gym and painting were completed. The floor was repainted 2 years ago.**

**The sound system was not installed. They did have a sound system but it failed.**

**For the lav stalls, the full hardware including urinals would cost about \$800 each, and the stalls have an anti-rust, ant-graffiti finish.**

**The painting in the halls would extend the color pattern from the entry and tile would be installed in certain areas.**

**The lighting would be more energy efficient because right now the building can either be occupied or unoccupied.**

**The ramp area would need special non-skid surfacing, and it is assumed that under the existing carpet there is asbestos tile.**

**The office carpet was installed in 2003 with the addition.**

**In the music room, the platform would be removed when replacing the carpet so it would be level.**

### **Fairlawn**

**The carpet was replaced in Rooms 1,2, 3 & 4 but not in Room 8.**

**The carpet in Room 8 was done with the addition in 1995, and if it is replaced, this school will have all carpeting under 5 years old.**

**The ADA compliant bathroom was constructed off of the multi-purpose room.**

**They do have 1 or 2 wheelchair bound students and this restroom is used often.**

**The last abatement in the building has been completed, and the carpeting installed was the same as was used at the high school which is a lifetime guarantee carpet, which usually means about 20**

**years.**

**The stairs are non-skid and were waxed causing a buildup that cannot be removed in fear of compromising the rubberized non-skid material.**

**The entrance to the restroom area was opened up for better supervision in the hand washing area.**

**The former stage area in the multi-purpose room was enclosed to store valuable physical therapy equipment.**

**The acoustics battening will be tested with one wall to see how well it works.**

**They would like to replace the lighting in the original part of the building with the same type at the middle school, which is 30% shining up and 70% shining down.**

**They also have an automatic thermostat with occupied/unoccupied cycles.**

**The Teacher's Lounge, Secretary's Office, Principal's Office and Library carpeting are showing rippling.**

**Cheryl asked if the library would cost more than the others because there is more square footage.**

**Angelo replied that sometimes more square footage will get a better deal, so he bids out the entire district.**

**They would like 2 spotlights on the poles outside of the boiler room, one that would point to the walkway and one to the parking area.**

**Included in the price of painting the front doors would be the front of the building which is an eyesore.**

**The painting is bid out and not done in-house because time is tight in the summer to get it done and the job will typically last longer if done professionally.**

**Lou Fusco noted that throughout the system, there should be at least 40% more savings to be had with energy, not including rate increases, over the next years.**

**They would like a canvas, nylon overhang where the posts would tie into the rails so that waiting children outside would have shelter.**

**It would work with the letter, possibly moving the lettering on the building higher.**

**Cheryl asked how such an overhang would work in the winter.**

**Angelo responded that because it would be arched and rounded, any runoff would go right off to the sides and not collect in the middle.**

**Georgia Fortunato noted that the Budget Board could send her any questions they have after the tour.**