

Town of Lincoln

Budget Board Meeting

SCHOOL TOUR

March 13, 2010

Present:

Greg Leonard Bob Ericson Jay O'Grady Carl Brunetti

Linda Noble Sheila Chisholm

The School Tour began at 8:00 am at Lincoln High School.

HIGH SCHOOL

In the connector corridor area the requested capital improvements include a new drop ceiling, upgraded Boys and Girls Lavs, and a redone floor to match the main corridor.

For past improvements, It was noted that the auditorium stage was sanded and refinished and in the music room the carpets, cabinetry, painting, chair rail, sound battening and trophy cases were all new. Also, the gym door encasement is new but came in at a higher cost than anticipated so the rear interior door was not done yet.

In the Boys Locker Room, the goal is to have rubberized floors like the Middle School's locker room, and to have the lockers repaired.

The door to the Industrial Arts area needs a new frame and to be

more secure.

In the Automotive Shop, they need duct replacement and reconfiguration so that it is less of a hazard. Georgia Fortunato noted that the schools do have a Safety Committee and received a grant in order to analyze work sites and work with the Trust.

The Nurses office suite has sustained leaks, which are more severe in 5 areas, and there are masonry repairs needed.

All of the roofs are currently under warranty.

The 2 vehicles that are requested for replacement are a pickup style truck with a hydraulic lift, and a maintenance vehicle which is rusting. The maintenance vehicle has a new motor and trasmission under 5-year warranty and with a body replacement can get another 5-7 years of use. It would be \$48,000 for a new vehicle, or \$27,000 to replace only the body.

In discussion of the repaving of the parking lot, it was noted that it is the original lot that has been patched and that the Capital Develoment Committee had recommended the project and have gotten pricing for the job, which is \$270,000 without curbing but would include the access road to the rear of the school.

Angelo Mencucci noted that he doesn't buy new lockers but paints the current ones, and also ceilings when possible.

NORTHERN ELC

It was noted that the security fencing installed last year is a big improvement.

Linda Noble asked whether painting is done by employees or by a hired company. Due to time constraints, it is done by a hired company.

The boys lav back wall will be replaced with a surface that is easier to clean, and new urinals and commodes will be installed for \$25,000. The sinks are only 8 years old and are ADA compliant so they will stay the same.

With the carpet replacement, no asbestos abatement will be needed. Also there is an insulation issue with a window in one of the classrooms which allowed the pipes to freeze in that area so the venting and piping will be moved.

It was questioned how long the schools will keep the Energy Consultant position. This is the last year of the contract, but then they will switch to a program in order to receive state reimbursement.

In the playground area, they would like to pave an area for 40 spaces of teacher parking which will free the upper lot for parent and visitor parking. This will not affect the playground area.

Angelo Mencucci noted that any time the town has loom from any projects they keep it and store it for future projects.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Budget Board did not actually visit the Middle School but discussed lighting issues which would be fixed by putting additional lighting on the post lights that would shine towards the building.

CENTRAL

Last year the Secretary's Office area was expanded and they would like to do the same with the small office area across the hallway from it.

In the gym sound battening would be used to dissipate accoustical echo.

The replacement of the water fountain will be done in-house.

The boys lavs are an example of what they would like to do at Northern with motion detected urinals and commodes. On the ceiling they will use accoustical paint to keep the integrity of the original ceiling.

Some of the classrooms have bathrooms that are not functioning but are used as closets.

There are fencing issues such as posts bending and coming out of the ground. The fence was replaced 12 years ago but not the posts.

There was note of a stained ceiling tile, which will be replaced. Angelo Mencucci noted that he waits for at least 2 storms before fixing the tile. Spots smaller than a fist get painted, larger get whole tile replacement.

The playground at Fairlawn will not be moved, because there is public that uses it where it is.

LONSDALE

The folding tables in the cafeteria are old and have caused injuries so they will be replaced, and the town disposes of the old ones for the schools.

Angelo Mencucci noted that the schools are in constant transition and that within the buildings, they try to update so that there is continuity within and it doesn't feel like there is an old area and new area, etc.

The corridor that was redond now has single-pane tinted windows which provide energy savings. The areaa will become the Pre-K area because parent parking can be close, and the room configuration allows for a bathroom to be added that two rooms will share. There

will be a light or some kind of signal to indicate when it is in use, as well as anti-scalding sinks and changing tables.

In the west corridor, requested updates include drop ceilings, painting, floor abatement, and energy efficient lighting. The carpeting is about 13 years old and does have tile underneath it. Angelo Mencucci noted that the schools update common areas first, and that this is the last of those that require the update.

Last year, there were 4 classrooms that got a full overhaul with insurance money because of flooding due to a heating unit problem.

The courtyard area is only used for access to the outside remote boiler room.

It was noted that when rooms are re-floored, it costs the same whether they are tiled or carpeted because the carpeting that the schools purchase is of high quality so that it can take wear.

SAYLESVILLE

It was noted that the updated library is well-received and used by the public.

In the office area there are 3 rooms, one of which has no ventilation besides a window to an interior corridor, and upgrades to the compressor will increase its capacity to help that situation.

The roof repairs went well, but ended up being closer to \$18,000 and not the anticipated \$15,000. It will allow the roof to last for possibly 8 years more.

In Rooms 3 and 4 which are one room with a divider, the rug seems to be buckling. It was noted that the lighting in the room is dim, which is why brighter paint colors are important.

It was noted that the building was in unoccupied mode for heating, ventilation, etc.

The school tour concluded at 11:00 am.