

Plant & Property Committee

October 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Present: Leeds Mitchell IV - Chair, Ed Neubauer, Babak Taleghani, Russell Carey

Excused: John Baldwin, Allyn Copp, Ben Harris

Staff: Jon Conklin, Wendy Randle, Maria Palmgren

Guest: Dan Moos

Call to Order

Leeds Mitchell IV called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

Facilities Overview

Mr. Conklin gave a brief overview of the 3 school buildings and maintenance upkeep associated with each building. He noted that some unexpected maintenance arose at the Middle and Upper schools buildings and explained those issues. At the Upper School, the smell of oil was detected in the administrative offices, and it turned out there was an underground tank containing 5,000 gallons of #6 heating oil (and a foot of sludge) next to the school building. DEM records indicated it had been drained 20 years ago. The School has paid to drain the tank, and is awaiting final word on whether it can be filled or must be removed. At the Middle School, the annual clean-out

of the main sewer drain revealed a problem with the pipe. Roots had collapsed the pipe, and the School paid to excavate it and replace it from the building to the street. The expenditures for these projects were approximately \$40,000.

Mr. Dan Moos and Ms. Wendy Randle gave an update on a meeting held with Alan Sepe, Director of Operations for the City of Providence. Topics discussed during this meeting included the continued use of the Upper School building, and buildings in Providence which may be available for the School's use. The Committee agreed that it's realistic to expect that the School will remain in the current buildings for the next 5 years.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Taleghani made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Neubauer and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Palmgren