

EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

East Providence City Hall – Conference Room 306

145 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island 02914

School Committee

Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

January 5, 2015

6:00 PM

Mr. Cahoon, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Present:

**School Committee Members: Nathan Cahoon, Anthony Ferreira,
Kim Mercer, Superintendent**

Linda Dykeman, Deputy Finance Director

Peter Barilla, Facilities Manager

Anthony Feola, Security, Safety, Energy Manager

Status of Items:

**Wheelchair Lift Project at Riverside Middle School – Kim Mercer –
12/29/14 signed with Garaventa; notice to proceed; revised the
contract for grey instead of red; do not have to go to the Fire Marshall
because replacing the existing lift; swap one for another; good to go;
6-8 week lead time on outside; will shoot for February vacation.**

Wheelchair Lift Project at Waddington School – Kim Mercer said she was there Saturday and again this morning. Mr. Barilla – waiting for a part for the third stop; will call for inspection; student not in school today or tomorrow.

Bike Path paving at Riverside Middle School – Completed.

Mr. Ferreira – needs gravel to fill about a 7 inch drop on the sides; Mr. Barilla – when doing ramp, can touch it up then.

Spot Repairs at Hennessey (asbestos tiles)

Broken Tile/Replacement at Hennessey – Mr. Barilla – received filler from Mr. Ferreira for quick fix for now. Mr. Ferreira – if Principal calls with an issue, can fix it for now; epoxy should protect friable areas.

Mr. Cahoon – Waddington Chairlift and path off the list; will keep Hennessey on the list until we do a major project at that School; area near the Kindergarten door needs to be fixed.

Status from Project Manager on Existing Efforts:

Fire Alarm Upgrade at Orlo – Will start this weekend; no schedule yet; can we get that from the Project Manager before next School Committee meeting (note when talking to Charlie Roberts, Project Manager, focus on informing the School Committee on what the schedule will be). Kim will send email to Mr. Cahoon on the schedule for fire alarm and door replacement.

Prioritizing Work - Schedule for Bid Release and how to work with the Project Manager; Mr. Cahoon will continue to maintain and address as issues pop up.

Auditorium seats at Riverside and Martin Middle School – Mr. Feola reported that

Ray Tachs has agreed to look at the seats at Martin MS on Wednesday; if work is feasible, rip seats out to bring them to him; determine what the cost would be for repairs vs. cost of replacing the seats. American Seating will be going to Martin Middle School at 10:00AM on Monday to look at auditorium seats, so that we have all the information we need. Mr. Feola said he found two seats at Riverside Middle School to pop in; seat handles different; wooden handles lift up for wheelchair to slide in.

Mr. Cahoon – Frank DeVall at Martin mentioned to have section open for that purpose.

Mr. Feola – 600 plus capacity – will ask them to price it out so that we can make decisions at Martin; bottom and back cushions; pieces of material at the ends; outdated and hard to match; not sure upholstering would work. Riverside Middle School replaced 1/3 of the seats in the auditorium already; he will get a quote on replacement.

Mr. Cahoon – need the cost to repair and the cost to replace to put on the priority list, which is open to all to see.

Fire Alarm Upgrades for Silver Spring, Hennessey, Francis

Kim Mercer – Fire Department does not have reports yet; on the list; comes from years before; meeting this Wednesday with them; they will bring reports and cross check to see if anything new; discussion about the pad at Silver Spring School; will know more after Wednesday meeting when we go through the reports.

Kim Mercer talked about Orlo; wanted to be involved in it; Fire Marshall has given waivers in the past; in a good place, but a lot more work to do; will meet and bring to this committee again then back to Fire Marshall for waiver.

Mr. Feola – they have only given an extension to do the work; have to show good faith and have a plan to do more.

Kim Mercer told them about the meeting tonight; after Wednesday meeting, she will send an email; will have maintenance workers there also.

Mr. Ferreira – is there a master list on what needs to be accomplished in the buildings.

Mr. Feola – in some cases sprinklers took away violations.

Mr. Ferreira – knows codes change, but do we have a plan from the Fire Department.

Mr. Feola – only did places of assembly back then.

Kim Mercer – if significant renovations; listen to them; do cost analysis.

Mr. Ferreira – at some point are we required by the state to do sprinklers.

Mr. Feola – Fire Department put the priority on places of assembly and the corridors that lead to that space.

Mr. Cahoon - Silver Spring, Hennessey and Francis – RIDE approved life safety; would require Project Manager; he is now on the books for two; do we need to have them come to the School Committee Meeting on Tuesday night to give status on two projects. (Ask Charlie Roberts, Project Manager to come to the meeting; if not available, ask him to write up a report on the status).

Kim Mercer and Nate Cahoon – SMMA will be involved with the Fire Marshall; it would be good idea to get them good documentation on that.

Mr. Cahoon – is it better to go out to bid with three rather than piecemeal.

Kim Mercer – added \$270,000; noted \$200,000 from the City.

Mr. Cahoon– Hennessey at \$177,000.

Kim Mercer – will probably come in double that

Mr. Cahoon – we did prioritize them; know we need to do sidewalks in the spring and univents; are we comfortable with a chunk of that now; \$340,000.

Kim Mercer - will know more on Wednesday.

Mr. Feola – if we do not do other two, that can shut us down; law says upgraded fire alarm.

Mr. Cahoon – estimate at Silver Spring lower than others.

Mr. Barilla – we already did a panel there in the Bradley area.

Mr. Cahoon – are they putting in sensors; this is the first job with a Project Manager from start to finish; do we have to go out to bid; how do we get them involved; call Charlie in for Wednesday; that should look good with the Fire Marshall. Get SBS at the meeting next Tuesday; tell us what to do; get early schedule.

Kim Mercer – SMMA along with Charlie will be there.

Mr. Cahoon – email Kim with info on what to talk to them about, not to burn up needless hours.

Mr. Cahoon – Top five priorities and pick a few more.

Mr. Feola – can lock in now; look at summer projects

Mr. Cahoon– look at sidewalk at Riverside Middle School and get bid process going.

Mr. Ferreira – all money etched in stone; dollar wise

Mr. Feola – took three schools out of the bid; still need to bid; requirement to do those doors.

Mr. Ferreira – we are so far behind it works against us; when bids come out again.

Linda Dykeman – look at bids and find out if still good; (what are the dates).

Mr. Cahoon – up date sheet tonight; doing Orlo, Riverside Middle

School and Whiteknact now; remaining doors #5

Mr. Ferreira – get delivery date and start date on doors.

Kim Mercer– asbestos reports are back.

Mr. Cahoon – one door with Riverside; Kim – it is being addressed.

Mr. Barilla – they will work with Burman.

Mr. Feola – there may be lighting issues with the Fire Department.

Kim Mercer – three alarms and doors will be in a good place; next million, look at ventilators.

Mr. Cahoon – keeps hearing about the heat at the high school.

Kim Mercer – five rooms - we have to do something with the blowers; Francis has a heating issue; SMMA looking at it.

Mr. Ferreira – can put fins in; how much are we paying SMMA to do Francis; professional guy there; if room was a closet; may have guys with knowledge to do the work for a couple of hundred dollars. Mr. Barilla will check on that.

Mr. Cahoon – are there any other schools that have bad heating situations.

Mr. Ferreira – below 64; can deal with some issues; if 55, will not get to 70; buildings heat up as the week goes along.

Kim Mercer – requested that Jessica text her when there is a problem; people check the buildings in the morning.

#6 Univents – Kim Mercer– need to take a look at this; have Paul take a look at it.

Mr. Ferreira – if Peter Barilla and the guys feel comfortable with it, get

the spec sheets and try to bring the guy in; thousands of dollars if we get them involved in the beginning.

Mr. Feola – ramp at Riverside Middle School – to close a door; approved by Fire Marshall; have to hold a fire drill (he suggested the plan for the fire department).

Kim Mercer – Scout Project on Saturday; can we prime first, so ready for Saturday.

Public Comment

Hennessey parent – asked if we have sprinklers in our cafeterias. (Mr. Feola – only in larger schools). Parent asked if this would eventually get on the list

Kim Mercer – will ask about it.

Mr. Ferreira –would be millions of dollars.

Jessica Beauchaine – regarding places of assembly; there are 500 students at Waddington just like Riverside Middle School.

Parent – roof at Hennessey; asked for an update

Kim Mercer – it is a new roof

Parent – it is leaking – is it still under warranty?

Kim Mercer– SMMA put diverters there; Mr. Ferreira – that did no good.

Mr. Ferreira – 99% done on Whiteknact roof; will have to go out to look at the Hennessey roof.

Mr. Cahoon – will add the Hennessey roof warranty to the list.

**Parent asked about caulking; Kim Mercer – talked to SMMA about it
Izilda Teves, parent– asked about the final walkthrough for the high
school science lab.**

Kim Mercer – believe it is done

**Mr. Ferreira – there was a meeting; gas lines were being tested;
waiting for paperwork; bring up at the School Committee meeting.**

Izilda Teves – asked to see the plan for the doors.

Mr. Ferreira – will get it to her as soon as we get the schedule.

**Mr. Barilla –asked that parents follow protocol – go to the principal
with any problems like a broken door at Orlo School.**

Next Meeting Date: 2/2/15 at 6:00PM. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant

Nathan Cahoon, Chairman, Facilities Committee