

# **EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**East Providence School Committee**

**Facilities Sub-committee**

**East Providence City Hall Conference Room 308**

**145 Taunton Avenue**

**East Providence, Rhode Island 02914**

**April 7, 2015**

## **Call to Order Public Session**

**In attendance: Nathan Cahoon, Anthony Ferreira, Kim Mercer, Superintendent of Schools, Linda Dykeman, Deputy Finance Director, Anthony Feola, Peter Barilla. Bill Reynolds, School Facilities Director. Also: Chrissy Rossi, Charles Tsonos, Jessica Beauchaine-audience)**

## **Report on ongoing projects:**

**Door replacement at Orlo, Whiteknact and Riverside Middle School was proceeding. All but 2 of the doors at Orlo had been completed, with the last two (courtyard) doors requiring some re-engineering before replacement could be completed. SMMA was supposed to have worked with Burman to order additional lock sets, etc. Replacement at Whiteknact had just begun, with only 2 doors having been replaced. Riverside was scheduled to being the week of school vacation, with the problematic door being addressed first.**

**All basically on target according to Charlie Roberts, Project Manager; total job to be completed by May 4th; each school has its own completion date; but all look to be on time.**

**Orlo Fire Alarm Project Update – The Orlo Fire Alarm project was just about complete, with only a final acceptance test to be conducted by the Fire Department during the week of school vacation; everyone commented that the project coming along nicely; Burman doing a good job.**

**Update on access ramp at RMS – Stairs in; ramp poured. The access ramp effort at RMS had been held up by weather and snow, but was proceeding again. I did not provide a new completion date, nor did we get one during the facilities meeting.**

**Waddington Handicapped Restrooms - nearing completion. Some new tiles had "disappeared" en route to the job, and had to be replaced before the job could be completed. But for the most part, the plumbing and fixtures had been completed.**

**HVAC Update – Anthony Carroll provided a detailed briefing on the status of HVAC issues throughout the district. He spoke at length about the inability of the various control systems to adequately address our heating needs, and provided to us his prioritized list of HVAC concerns at all schools.**

**Johnson Controls – Aaron Alibrio, of Johnson Controls (JC) attended and provided a presentation.**

**Specifically, he talked about some of the issues JC had noted in their monitoring of our systems, to include various inefficiencies that should be addressed. Discussion: Aaron felt that something had happened since JC left East Providence; they left the system fully functioning and very efficient (handout provided) and claim we have computer related issues in the HVAC system with recalibration.**

**Recommended having someone come in to do work or have Anthony Carroll do the work? JC would like it to be someone from their company, but his company is getting a bad name; something happened along the way to dis-align the system. All listened; no action. Discussion regarding we owe them the first year for the audit (they did do it); recommended not to continue that audit. Mr. Cahoon asked for a copy of the original contract to review it; this needs more time; decided not put this on the April 14th agenda of the School Committee.**

**Bill Lists / Invoices – Discussed and responded to questions; Linda Dykeman provided answers to questions from the Committee and reviewed what she will be presenting at the April 14th School Committee meeting for payment. We discussed the various invoices to be presented and how we should approach them. We essentially elected to pay all outstanding invoices, with the exception of the SMMA invoices, pending their answers to our questions (which I**

**included as an agenda item for next week's meeting).**

**Update on Fire Marshal Concerns-Fire Safety Code: Board of Appeal and Review-Mr. Feola briefed the group that the Board, Marshals and EPFD are generally pleased with the efforts the Department is taking, and that the next meeting with the Board would take place on May 19, 2015. Following the feedback from that meeting, Kim, Tony and Bill Reynolds would be able to provide additional recommendations for the prioritization of further efforts.**

**Repairs for fire deficiencies will probably span five years; simple things from adding smoke detectors in some buildings to adding sprinkler systems at some schools; putting together a time-line for the Board and hoping they approve all items at May 19th meeting.**

**Replacement of Remaining Doors- Update: Tony Feola and Charlie Roberts briefed the group that we needed to take another look at the some of the doors scheduled to be replaced, as well as those not scheduled to be replaced. This has since been done. The School Committee voted at the next meeting to allow and Engineering Change Order to the scheduled replacements at Martin Middle School.**

**Prioritization of Malfunctioning Doors – Riverside Door will be done first. Schedule of Replacement – Discussion about additional doors at Martin Middle School and changing style of some doors at Martin;**

**will get prices; will be an action item at the next School Committee meeting.**

**Charlie Roberts provided graphs of three schools; working on doors right now; shows how prioritizing doors and how working. Talked about new group of schools approved by School Committee.**

**Charlie Roberts – reviewing plans (prepared by SMMA) to ensure all non-functioning doors get replaced and to be sure all are accounted for.**

**Mr. Ferreira asked if second phase will be completed by fall 2015. Mr. Roberts responded that it would.**

**New Items for List – Tony Ferreira raised the issue that the Department has not, historically, done a good job fixing damage caused by winter. He suggested that we begin tracking this year's winter damage, and work to prioritizing and fixing the "small jobs." He stated that we often lose sight of the small jobs until they become big, expensive ones and that with a good maintenance plan, we could avoid having big jobs in the future.**

**Prioritization of Known Repair Needs- We did not perform additional prioritization; all agreed to wait until the Fire Marshal's Board of Appeal and Review met again in May.**

**Public Comment – Shirley Consuegra noted that we as a Department need to find a better way of keeping the public informed with regard to ongoing and upcoming facilities projects. The group generally concurred and agreed that this should be an ongoing conversation.**

**Next Meeting Date – Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:00PM. Meeting Adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant Nathan Cahoon, Clerk of the Committee**