

EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

East Providence School Committee - Facilities Sub-Committee

East Providence City Hall 1st Floor Room 308

145 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island 02914

October 25, 2016

Meeting Called I to Order Public Session - 6:30PM

Present: Nathan Cahoon, Anthony Ferreira, Charles Tsonos, Jessica Beauchaine.

Also Present: Kathryn Crowley, Superintendent, Anthony Feola, Facilities Director, Lucy Maddock

Report on Status of Ongoing Projects

Door Project 1st Mr. Feola 1st ongoing issue for two years; new door up two and a half weeks near his office and is not rippling; concerns about the time that has passed; now on second year and have not corrected the problem; paid most of the bill already. Lucy Maddock asked about emails, correspondence etc.

Mr. Cahoon 1st if the door buckles then what do we do.

Mr. Feola 1st manufacturer made the door much heavier than other doors

Mr. Cahoon 1st if that door does not have issues, when will we then swap out all the other doors?

Discussion about concerns with brown paint

Mr. Tsonos;V this has been going on too long; need to get legal involved; no sense of urgency on their part?

Mr. Cahoon - legal start looking at what we are going to get after two years.

Mr. Feola ;V can;t install doors in the winter; not good idea to install metal doors in the winter

Discussion about the amount of money we need to spend on locks; discuss at next School Committee meeting; Send a letter that we are not pleased about door status/situation; action item, send all information to legal.

Discussion of RIDE Reports-LEA Condition Data Review ;V Statewide Facilities Survey & Prioritization Planning Services dated August 2016 and Facilities Condition Assessment and Energy Assessment Report ;V October 2016. Kathryn Crowley commented on the RIDE Reports:

„X Additional money from Governor possible

„X Economy of scale on many items; i.e. boilers, etc.

„X Begin to form official Building Committee

„X Expand RFP to all schools

„X Follow steps to take in order to get reimbursement from State

„X MA uses models scaled to size; why re-invent the wheel

Mr. Cahoon ;V we need to look at priorities; some things cannot be fixed;

Superintendent agreed and some issues have already been fixed; fire alarms, roofs; need building committee to flush it out; ideas like closing Martin building; add on to Riverside; lot of options, but needs to be vetted, costs, etc. and a Building Committee would look at all this; have to go through process before you decide; can continue to give School Committee costs; two big problems: Martin and the High School.

Mr. Cahoon asked to get information from the documents and put it on spread sheets.

Kathryn Crowley need to recommend right away if new high school; if building new school, where do we put the kids in meantime; maybe we can salvage the new wing, etc.

Tony Ferreira need to do a better job explaining a better way to maintain our buildings; one of the buildings is only 37 years old that we are being told needs to be replaced.

Kathryn Crowley talked about reimbursement at 54.2% with energy and handicap access; suggested starting with one school at a time; will put Hennessey data on a spreadsheet.

Building Committee would be made up of City manager, Superintendent, Member of the School Committee, Facilities Director, School Principal, local finance person, etc.

Mr. Cahoon V We need to think about how much money has already been spent on high school projects already just keeping the building running; not realistic to spend any more money on it.

Kathryn Crowley V need to move forward for health and safety of our kids; need concrete numbers, ideas where money will be going; how it will effect taxes; PR campaign on bond; we have already prioritized elementary schools; keep NEASC accreditation in mind.

Mr. Feola V reminder about Fire Marshall's requirements due 2019.

Kathryn Crowley V once the building committee is formed; Kathryn will go to RIDE, Mr. DaSilva from RIDE may come out to talk to the Building Committee. We need to be serious about the Building Committee; need a Chairman and people who have the time to put in; timelines for funding; decided at next meeting, to look at two elementary schools: Hennessey and Waddington.

Ms. Beauchaine would like to continue walk thru at Waddington before 11/8.

Kathryn Crowley V buying all new cafeteria tables; they are needed.

Public Comment

Next Meeting Date V Monday, November 14 at 6:30PM V will work on Hennessey and Waddington School data in the RIDE Report.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mr. Ferreira.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nathan Cahoon, Chair of the Facilities Sub Committee