

Regional School District 12
Board of Education
Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, May 15, 2017

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Shepaug Valley School, Library, Washington, CT

Facilities Committee Members: Gregory Cava, Chairman; Jennifer Pote, Peter Tagley

Staff Members Present: Patricia Cosentino, Ed.D., Superintendent; Donald O'Leary, Director of Facilities, Kim Gallo, SVS Principal

Call to Order:

Mr. Cava called the meeting to order at 5:43 PM.

Adoption of Minutes: Motion to adopt the minutes of the Facilities Committee of March 20, 2017 made by Mr. Tagley, seconded by Ms. Pote. Approved by a vote of 3-0-0.

AgSTEM Project Update:

Mr. Cava provided an update of the AgSTEM project as it moves from the completed Schematic Plans to the Design and DEvelopment stage.

Potential SVS AgSTEM-Related Projects Not Included in AgSTEM:

Mr. O'Leary updated the Committee on those portions of the construction project that require attention but were removed from the project due to design changes.

- Two classrooms will have to be relocated as a result of the expansion of the science wing in order to accommodate AgSTEM classrooms relocated to the science wing. The Robotics classroom will be relocated to the northeast corner of SVS where that large open space will be divided by a wall to be constructed and the Robotics classroom will occupy half of the space.
- There was further discussion of repurposing the group rooms to make them more usable by removing the tiered levels and so free up what is limited-utility space.
- The auto shop space being repurposed for AgSTEM is currently used for winter storage of trucks holding salt and sand. those must remain under roof in the winter. A lean to or other shed will have to be constructed.
- The "Track Shed" which is still in place was not reflected on the last set of architectural plans. Mr. O'Leary will communicate with Ms. Mangiagli to verify whether that was an oversight.
- Mr. Perachi reminded Mr. O'Leary that the animal demonstration building is slated to be constructed in the area currently being used as a practice soccer field. Originally intended to be replaced by the site work to permit a second soccer field in the northwest corner of

the property which second field was eliminated, we will have to consider revisiting that and construct the field.

- Mr. Perachi reminded Mr. O'Leary that the middle school soccer field which overlaps the existing baseball field is not shown on the most recent plans and Mr. O'Leary will inquire of Ms. Mangiagli whether this is an oversight and to confirm that parking added between the animal demonstration building and the tennis courts will not impact that field.
- The nature walk has been eliminated from the plans and Ms. Gallo indicated this would be a good project for AgSTEM students interested in landscape design and maintenance could design and construct.

Potential SVS non-AgSTEM-Related Projects Requiring Attention in the Near Term:

Mr. O'Leary updated the Committee on those significant projects from the Capital Projects list that will require attention in the near term (costs are from Kaestle Boos Associates study) including:

- Perimeter window replacement (portions of SVS not replaced as part of AgSTEM)(\$335K).
- Replacement of roof-top HVAC units (\$1.425 Million).
- Replacement of SVS roof which is in the 17th year of a 20-year life (\$4 Million).
- Replacement of tennis courts (\$100K).
- Repair/replace main electrical switch (\$25K).
- Replace 10,000 gallon water tank in well pump house (\$100K).
- Upgrade auditorium lighting to LED lighting (1/3 of cost will be rebated by Eversource).
- Replace carpets through school (Media center, classrooms, offices).
- ADA compliance (doors, water fountains, sinks, etc.).
- Improve pedestrian access to upper soccer fields.

Accessibility for Physically-challenged Students in Elementary Schools:

Mr. O'Leary led a discussion of the accessibility of our elementary schools.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned by consent at 6:30 PM.