

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, August 13, 2013
BOARD ROOM ~ ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

PRESENT: Barbara Harvey, Leonard Alteri, Nancy Galbraith, A. J. Baker, Mr. Jim Lanzalotto

Administration: Dr. Merle Horowitz, Mr. Michael Dumin, Mr. Joseph Driscoll

Public: 2

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1. Call to Order

Mr. Alteri called the meeting to order at 7:46PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Stood on the Pledge of Allegiance from previous meeting

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Alteri asked for the approval of the minutes for June, 2013
With no discussion the minutes were approved

4. Informational/Discussion Items ~ Facilities

- A. Recommend a motion to approve the Grant Agreement between the County of Delaware and the Marple Newtown School District for the Panic Alarm System for each of the District's school buildings. This is a formality ~ having work done. Dr. Horowitz explained that the County Council called to ensure we're on target.
- B. Capital Projects list presentation (attached to agenda)

Mr. Dumin explained the following.

- o 6 year plan
- o Needs of the district
- o Focused on functional items
- o Requested the Board to examine/prioritize items
- o Upgrades are necessary because buildings are vintage 50's

- o Mr. Dumin presented projects necessary to repair or maintain the school buildings. These project range from structural to cosmetic work necessary
- o Year 1 ~ focus Paxon Hollow
- o Year 2 ~ focus Worrall/High School/Bus Garage
- o Renovate Tennis courts for High School
- o New fueling system at Bus Garage ~ we sell to the townships
- o Year 3 ~ Loomis
- o Year 4 ~ Loomis exterior/Gauntlett

Discussion ~ concerned about wall ball at Loomis ~ safety of the students playing ~ Mr. Dumin explained that the wall will not fall. We are getting fixed because some layer of material is what is crumbling. Working on list to equalize money; Board can prioritize anyway it would like. \$1,900,000. for each year ~ average cost for 6 year plan

- o Year 5 ~ Russell
- o Year 6 ~ Culbertson

Discussion ~ How much work being done by MN crew. Most being done by contractors. What about Culbertson's gym floor. Contractors will do.

Mr. Dumin explained that the Board must decide what to attack first. Recommend the focus stay at one building at a time. Most work will be done during the summer.

Discussion ~ Timing is difficult, someone has to be 1st, and someone has to be last. Someone happy, someone not. Also discussed ballpark figure for HVAC.

Mr. Dumin explained don't think it will be as bad as we might think. We now have a mechanic that knows how to fix them properly. We need a better maintenance program than what we had, not new systems. Mr. Dumin also explained that you can't have projects going on in different buildings at the same time, can't supervise effectively. Contractors are prone to do jobs as quickly and cheaply as possible with little regard to regulations.

Mr. Driscoll explained a problem with funding, you can't count on project 3 years down the road without cost escalators. Money may not be available the year your have a project scheduled. No actual realistic way to guarantee taxing as a funding method. Act I is limited in terms of revenue production.

Mr. Dumin explained another option is to attack things as necessary. Example, get smaller generators, don't need security cameras, just basic barebones requirements, that would pare down some costs.

Discussion~ The fields would be handled by community. Let them take care of them by forming community groups. They do community fields and those fields are gorgeous.

5. Information/Discussion Items ~ Transportation

Mr. Dumin explained all transport runs coming next month, must be Board approved.

6. Other Business

The IU is hosting Secretary of Education on August 20th, if parents can attend please do so.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07PM