

Madison Public Schools
Board of Education – Facilities Committee
Tuesday, November 17, 2020
6:30 PM
Via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Tom Pellegrino called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm

Members present:

Tom Pellegrino, Chair, and Galen Cawley

Also present:

Katie Stein, JeanAnn Paddyfote, William McMinn, Greg DeSantis, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Adam Holzschuh of Colliers

Recorder: Tom Pellegrino

The Committee led with a discussion on the ongoing repairs to our HVAC systems. Adam Holzschuh began with an updated report, noting that there was ongoing filter replacements in the various buildings, and that the ongoing approach to controlling airborne virus was to do so through filters more so than by incorporating outside air. Bill McMinn reported on repair work done to HVAC systems in Polson (gym and roof) as well as Hand. He noted the expenses associated with these repairs (approximately \$30 respectively).

Bill McMinn reported on the Solar Car Port Project, noting upon presentation to the Board of Selectman, Green Skies was selected as the vendor. The project will run from November 25, 2020 to July 30, 2021 with a majority of the actual construction occurring in the summer so as to avoid disruption. Bill shared aerial mock ups of the construction. The placement of the solar panels was met with approval and a note of thanks was extended to Bill for his efforts to push this project, which will result in savings to the Town, forward.

With the move to remote learning in the high school, Bill noted that the next three weeks would provide his staff some needed time. Staff will still be in the building so there will be no changes in heating or cleaning protocols.

The Committee concluded with a report from Bill on the recurring power outage issues at Ryerson and Brown. Bill confirmed that the outages are due to down trees on power lines. Bill reviewed with the Committee the protocol and experience with engaging with the power company in order to get necessary work done, and noted that he has the ability to seek out emergency assistance if needed. Bill confirmed that the outages are in no way related to any mechanical or plant-related concerns. Bill responded to questions about private tree cutting service options as well as back generators. The Facilities Committee will have a report back from Bill on his work relative to tree cutting when we convene on December 1, 2020

With no further public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm

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