

GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Buildings & Maintenance Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Start Time: 10:01am

End Time: 11:05am

Present: Dr. James Manning, Tim Eldridge, James Pittman, Kathleen Cuddy-Egbert
Superintendent of Schools, Kathy O'Blenes Business Administrator

1. **Vote on Committee Chair**

The committee voted unanimously for Tim Eldridge as committee chairperson.

2. **ESSER II and III Grant Update**

The Business Administrator gave a short overview of the funding of the ESSER II grant, the plan that had been created and discussed at board meetings last school year were continuing without change. Of the \$2,928,158.41 budget from the state, the district has allocated almost the full amount, \$2,761,422. This grant has an end date of 9/30/2023

The ESSER III grant has not been started yet. This grant has a budget consisting of two phases, first phase is \$4,340,310 and the second phase is \$2,235,917 with an end date of 9/30/2024. The committee discussed the recommendation to use this money for a HVAC in the remainder of the school buildings in the district. This project will require preliminary approval by the state and will take some time to complete. All members of the committee agree that HVAC school building wide is the top priority for this grant. If there is any money leftover from this project the second priority would be to continue the dark fiber technology connection throughout the district. The school board is currently seeking public input on the uses of the ESSER III grant. Please see the GWRSD website for more information.

3. **Update on maintenance Summer Projects 2021**

The business administrator updated the committee on the list of regular or routine maintenance items that took place over the summer as well as a few that have been delayed due to the back up of outside company's schedules. Whether it be to view a repair, such as flooring in one of the buildings or to

schedule the work, the schedules are backed out months rather than days or weeks. Even then the district has been contacting other companies with the same issue in schedules.

The athletic field lights will need some work due to varying levels of brightness. The athletic director had a company out to do an analysis of the lights. We have a quote for a full replacement, but we will need to see a quote for replacement in phases, starting with the dimmest of lights.

An unexpected repair that will take place in October/November will be the outside front stairs of Carpenter School.

4. Update on solar power output

The Committee received a graph on the solar power output by month from January 2021 to September 2021. Three out of the nine months didn't perform to the expected level of output. This was a direct correlation to sunny/cloudy days.

5. Update on Solar Project Plaque

An educational sign will be created and placed on the fence.

6. Other Business

A brief discussion took place regarding the warrant articles that would be presented to the Finance Committee and then to the full board for the FY 2023 Budget adoption in January 2022.

- Turf Field article using unreserved fund balance
- CIP maintenance article and the dollar amount
- Maintenance Trust Account with unreserved fund balance
- A possible creation of a Solar Energy Capital Reserve account using unreserved fund balance, to purchase the Effingham array at Year 6 of operation.

7. Next Meeting

December or January

Approved by the School Board, 11.01.2021