

GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Buildings & Maintenance Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: Monday, June 7, 2021

Present: Dr. James Manning, Tim Eldridge, James Pittman, Kathleen Cuddy-Egbert, Kathy O'Blenes

1. Building Projects - ESSER III Grant

The Superintendent explained the ESSER II grant money and how the administration prioritized the use of this money. Building and Maintenance items were discussed first and established in a document plan. Once these projects have been completed and the grant money spent, the district will move onto using money from the ESSER III grant. This grant has an end date of September 2024. There is time to get specifics on the Building and Maintenance uses for this grant. A few larger projects were discussed using this grant. The superintendent stated to the committee that the NH DOE is requiring a rigorous approval process for any building projects. This will require specifications for the projects be sent to the state and approved before the district can move forward.

2. Update on solar power output

The business administrator handed out a report on the output from the solar array in Effingham. The winter months did not hit the expected target for output but in May there was a large turn for the better in the output. The month of May saw a 10.48% above target.

James Pittman mentioned we investigate Lithium power cells; these can be used when the power goes out. At this point in time the school has a backup generator, but the Lithium cells work well when the power goes out.

3. Request for Solar Project Plaque

A committee member had requested that the district create a plaque for the solar project. The committee discussed the type of plaque and the difference between one for a building project versus one for a solar array project. The committee decided that an educational sign be created with the help from Barrington Power on how to word the sign; that will be placed on the fence that surrounds the array field.

4. Update on maintenance Summer Projects 2021

The Business Administrator listed off the projects that will start this summer and the priorities assigned to them. Many of them have been scheduled and will be shared with the building principals since each school will be running summer school for 5 weeks.

5. New business

James Pittman asked about a recycling program in the schools, whether all school had a program. That he had come across a staff member from Effingham who was taking recycling items to the transfer station.

Tim Eldridge brought up the drainage of water that runs from the McManus Road entrance into the main road, Route 28 and how the catch basins are not positioned correctly to catch this run off. Every winter there is run off that turns to ice. The business administrator had investigated this with the Building and Maintenance staff and found that this was an ongoing issue, and the culprit was the water run off or drainage from the yard on the corner of this intersection. Tim asked that we start contacting the state to see about getting this fixed and who would be the department responsible for the fix.

Dr. Manning reported that the town of Brookfield had signed an agreement with Atlantic Broadband to bring broadband (internet) to the town. The project should be completed by September 1, 2021.

Approved by School Board 08.16.21