

Operations Committee Meeting

October 22, 2013

Building & Grounds Office

5:00 PM

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Dan Mannix, Superintendent of Schools
Eric Anderson, Board Member
Mike Hagadorn, Board Member
Dan Noonan, Superintendent of Building & Grounds

Topics of Discussions were as follows;

EXCEL Phase II Project Status:

Dan Noonan presented a copy of the Substantial Completion Inspection Report for the Mechanical portion of the EXCEL Phase II Capital Project to the Operations Committee for review. The Report had been generated by Rick Mandl, Senior Mechanical Engineer with Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers following his recent site visit to verify that all Mechanical work had been completed as the design specified. The Report was very comprehensive and outlined several items that either remained to be completed or failed to fulfill the Contractual requirements.

Following Operations Committee review of the report; Dan Noonan further explained that the Mechanical Portion of the project was complete, less the work on the items that had been identified by Mr. Mandl in the Report.

Mr. Mannix briefed the Operations Committee Members on the status of the funding that will be made available to make Technology improvements, following the completion of the Building side of the Capital Project.

There followed general discussion among the Committee regarding what the potential advantages to the District would be if Wi-Fi and tablets were made available to the student population.

Upon completion of the discussion regarding the EXCEL Project; there was general consensus among the Operation Committee Members that the Project had over all went as planned and there was expressed satisfaction with the Architectural support during the project.

Natural Gas:

Discussion was initiated by Mr. Mannix as he explained to the Committee what he understood as the current status of the District's efforts in the quest for NYSEG to provide Natural Gas available to the District's Facilities. Mr. Mannix described a conversation that he had recently with representative from NYSEG. Particularly, Mr. Mannix questioned a NYSEG representative about what the exact cost would be to the District in order to procure the Natural Gas (NG) service.

Mr. Hagadorn also related to the Committee that he too had a conversation with a Project Manager from NYSEG regarding what cost would be to convert to Natural Gas. There followed discussion regarding the complexity of relationship between the Public Service Commission and NYSEG and how long it may take for the details on the NG pipeline to be ironed out.

Mr. Hagadorn continued to express his commitment in assisting the District in obtaining NG.

Additional Items of Discussion:**Grounds Maintenance:**

Mr. Mannix vocalized his interest in a "beautification" project that would focus on the grounds of the District's properties. He indicated that he would like to see the gardens better maintained and possibly the removal of the Drivers Education Simulator from behind the school.

Solar Power:

Mr. Hagadorn also suggested Solar Power (SP) panel installations as a potential alternative power source. He stated that he had compiled some preliminary information about the application of SP and that there were other School Districts in New York that had completed such a Project. There followed general discussion among the Committee in regards to funding and feasibility of such a project.

Transportation Study:

Mr. Mannix initiated a brief conversation regarding the value of a Transportation Study and it was decided that the topic would be further discussed with the Board of Education.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by;
Dan Noonan, Superintendent of Building & Grounds