

Operations Committee Meeting
July 19, 2013
Superintendent of Schools Office
1:00 PM

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools
Eric Anderson, Board Member
Michael Hagadorn, Board Member
Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive
Dan Noonan, Superintendent of Building & Grounds

Visitor: Michael Morales, Town of Beekmantown Councilman

Teleconference Guest: Garrett Hamlin, Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers

Topics of Discussion were as follows:

Deferred District Maintenance Projects:

Dan Noonan briefed the Operations Committee on the current status of all the summer maintenance projects that the Building & Grounds Department had either completed or were in the plans to be completed.

Dan Noonan particularly mentioned that upon completion of the removal of “Mount Beekmantown”, that it was going to be necessary to install an additional extension on the drainage tile that supported the drainage from the soccer field in the center of the outside track in order to advert water from gathering outside the east side of the fence line of the track.

Other Building & Grounds Topics:

Dan Noonan briefed the Committee on the operational status of the central air conditioning system at the Main campus that had been affected by failure of one of the network controllers of the energy management system. Mr. Noonan stated that the AC system would be non-operational for a period of time and that temporary window mounted AC units would be put in place in all the affected areas until the network controller was replaced.

The Committee was also briefed that the Custodial Staff had discovered random areas in the High school classrooms and Middle School classrooms where what appeared to be mold accumulating on the VCT tile floors and carpets, which was most likely due to the recent high levels of relative humidity present throughout the Districts Facilities, particularly where slab was at grade.

Mr. Noonan further informed the Committee that immediate action was taken to clean the identified areas with specialize solution that had been procured for that purpose and that dehumidifiers were also staged in the affected areas to assist in lowering the humidity.

It should be noted that Aaron Roth from KAS Environmental Services was contacted and responded to investigate the report and conducted a staff training regarding how to remove and safely work in areas affected by mold.

It was stated that all actions taken resulted in the elimination of the suspect accretions.

EXCEL Phase II Update:

Superintendent Amo initiated a teleconference with Garrett Hamlin. Mr. Hamlin briefed the Operations Committee on the current status of the Capital project, predominantly outlining the process that was going to be required to abate the asbestos containing materials (ACBM) that had been discovered at the Cumberland Head Elementary School during the excavation of the kitchen floor to support the installation of the grease trap.

Mr. Hamlin, along with the assistance of Mary, continued to brief the committee of all current and purposed change order and/or allowance uses relative the capital project, which included the ones for the additional abatements of ceiling tiles, MS Locker Room and the CHES UST upgrades.

Mr. Hamlin responded to many project related questions that were brought to the table by the attending committee members and concluded the teleconference at approximately 1:45 PM.

Natural Gas Discussion:

Mr. Morales entered the Committee Meeting at 1:47 PM, at which time Mr. Amo commenced with the discussion on natural gas (NG) by reiterating the need to obtain clarification on just what the “commitment” letter signified. The Board Members of the Committee acknowledged Superintendent Amo concerns prior to the initiation of a teleconference call that was made following that understanding by Mr. Amo to the Public Service Commission and NYSEG.

A discussion between a Representative of the PSC, NYSEG Representative, Dave Gridley and the Committee begun with Mr. Amo explaining to the PSC Representative and the NYSEG Representative that the District wanted to express interest in the procurement of NG to its facilities but was hesitant based upon the lack of definition of what it may or may not obligate the District too. It was explained by the parties involved that that “commitment” letter was not applicable to the District and that the processes may be started without such commitment.

Dave stated that he could prepare cost advantage breakdowns for NG usage based upon the historical fuel consumption information from the District as soon as it was provided.

There followed general discussion among all those involved regarding timeframe of any possible pipeline projects and associated cost of bring NG to CHES or the Main Building, as well as other cost variables that may be incorporated.

PSC Representative stated that there was no possibility of NG being made available to either location within the next year, but that CHES was more likably to obtain NG first, due to the franchising that was already in place in that general direction.

Superintendent Amo concluded the teleconference by outlining all that had been discussed and what remained to be completed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.

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