

**Beekmantown Central School District  
Operations Committee Meeting  
District Office  
November 18, 2008  
Minutes**

**Call to Order** Steve Trombley called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**Members Present**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Amo  | <input type="checkbox"/> George Palmer             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leonard King          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Strong |  |

Guests:  
Ed Cook, Athletic Director  
Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor  
Jennifer Parliament, District Treasurer

**Recorder** Jeri Bennett was present as recorder for Operations Committee Meeting.

**Discussion** Mr. Amo opened the meeting with a synopsis of a proposal and costs for the WCES building use study submitted by Tetra-Tech (formerly Thomas Group). (Proposal is included with costs associated with each option):

**Option I:**

Converting the WCES building back into a school building; (aidable)

**Option II:**

Converting the WCES building into a District Office building which will house a space District's Staff Training; (aidable)

**Option III:**

Converting the WCES building into office spaces in which the District will rent, lease or sell. (not aidable)

-Discussion followed regarding the original proposal from the NYSBA referred consultant. Architectural fees were not part of their original proposal, and were referenced as additional costs.

Additional discussion:

- Focus on original plan
- Meet with a realtor (Mark Barrie)
- Need an accurate cost analysis to make the building ready for occupancy
- Currently cost associated with maintaining the building as is are minimal- heat, electric and phone

**Football Field:**

Mr. Cook detailed the cost to replace the football field (attached).

-Site work \$146,090.00

(Fencing, sod, field work, irrigation system, drainage, top soil)

-Estimated cost for bleacher replacement and press box \$750,000

-Discussion followed on reducing the cost of bleacher/press box by downsizing the number of seats from 1,500 to 700. This will lower the cost substantially.

-Mr. Trombley expressed concern that due to the total cost of replacement and repairing the field/bleachers the whole Board should decide if this should be a separate line item on the next budget vote and allow the voters a voice in such a large expenditure. He will update the Board at tonight's meeting on this particular item and get their response.

-Mr. Cook will continue to pursue estimates on the bleachers and press box.

**Underground Unleaded Fuel Tank:**

Mr. Strong gave the committee an update on the removal of the underground unleaded fuel tank at the Bus Garage.

-Leak was detected through weekly testing of the interstitial tank.

-NYDEC was contacted and has directed him to remove the tank.

-Northeast Petroleum has been contracted to clean and dispose of any materials removed during cleaning of tank. Testing of the soil for contamination will also be conducted on site. Date for removal is December 8, 2008.

-T & T Leasing has also been contracted to excavate and backfill once the tank has been removed and the tests results of the soil have been received.

-Griffith Energy removed the remaining unleaded fuel on Friday, November 14th. They will credit the district for the gallons removed.

-Currently the district is fueling vehicles at the Town of Beekmantown's Highway Garage. Log is kept to maintain a record of gallons used, in turn the Town will bill us monthly for our usage.

-Cost of removal is approximately \$15,000 (this could increase when soil test results are received).

-Discussion followed as whether to pursue a Shared Service Agreement with the Town of Beekmantown for the continued use of their pumps (Betty Little Consolidated Service Grant) or to replace the tank at a cost of approximately \$9,000.

-Based on the information presented\* Mr. Amo and Mr. Strong were asked to make a formal request of the Town to continue shared services. (\*Use of unleaded fuel by district vehicles is minimal since bus fleet, etc., are diesel fuel)

***Adjournment***

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for January 13, 2009, at 4:30 p.m., in the District Office.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeri Bennett  
Recorder of Minutes