

**Beekmantown Central School District
Operations Committee Meeting
District Office
October 14, 2008
Minutes**

Call to Order Chairman, Leonard King called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present

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

Guests:
Iris Willis, Tetra Tech (Thomas Group)
Ed Cook, Athletic Director

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

Discussion -**Iris Willis, Tetra Tech** opened the meeting with an update on the EXCEL Project:

- Project is ready to be submitted to SED;
- Scope of project was evaluated again to make sure all items were included and other items were examined for inclusion (ex. cafeteria windows);
- In response to a question regarding fencing at CHES, Iris briefed that SED does not allow fencing as an item excepted under EXCEL;
- Emergency generator has been upgraded from a 300 KW to a 400 KW generator. The initial estimated cost will be sufficient to cover the expense of increasing the power of the generator;
- Item (68) replacing galvanized pipe was removed from the list due to the cost
- Bids are expected to be on the street in early spring; concern that prices for materials are currently volatile particularly copper, asphalt;
- Major construction should begin immediately following the close of school in June
- A list of prioritized items will be pulled from the five year plan for consideration to be completed depending upon the amount of monies left over

-District Study (attached)

Mr. Amo shared a draft copy of an instrument sent to him by Dr. Paul Seversky, a consultant who conducts in depth studies requested by school districts that speak specifically to issues such as this district's question on what should be done with the West Chazy Elementary Building. The study is based on census, program, demographics, and geographic analysis.

The actual cost analysis of opening and/or restructuring the use of the building needs to be addressed by an architectural/engineering firm.

Suggestions put forth regarding the possibilities of what should be done with the building were:

- Use the school part or whole
- Relocate the district office to part of the building
- Ready it for rent
- Use as a training center for staff development
- Use as a storage facility (central warehouse)
- Get an appraisal and market as is

Bus Garage:

- Upgrade/new garage included as a separate line item in study
- The most effective plan may be to do a whole new garage due to;
 - Lighting in work bays
 - Possible structural floor damage (water running under building)
 - Busses are constructed larger, busses are just making it through the bay doors
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Dr. Palmer suggested the district contact the Town of Beekmantown and try to have further dialogue with the town to encourage them to investigate shared services in regards to the bus garage and the town garage being housed together.

Iris Willis will get a proposal together on the cost for an engineering study related to the West Chazy Elementary Building and the Bus Garage.

Final Item:

- The restructuring of the football field was part of one of the Board of Education's Goals, hence,
- Information will be updated on the cost for sodding, fencing, bleachers/pressbox, drainage and irrigation to redo the existing football field
- Mr. Cook will contact a representative from Saratoga Sod to do an estimate on sodding the field
- Funding was discussed, further investigation needed

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled November 18, 2008, at 4:30 p.m., in the District Office.