

to receive grant funds (which are available on a first come/first serve basis). The plans and permit application for BTMES can probably be completed within 2 or 3 weeks. Funding details are not finalized yet, but Mr. Torizzo believes the District might be responsible for 10%. Mr. Torizzo will advise Mr. Evans when the details are finalized. Ms. Ainsworth queried regarding whether or not Board approval was necessary to move forward with the permit application process. Mr. Torizzo advised that a signature is necessary for the Notice of Intent, and that he worked with Mr. Evans to obtain the necessary signature for the BCEMS permit application. There will also be an application fee that will need to be paid. In response to a query regarding finalization of financing rules, Mr. Torizzo advised he believes finalization of details on financing is at least a couple of months out. The Committee is in agreement that, given the number of schools that will be looking for financing, it is important to submit applications sooner rather than later. Mr. Torizzo cautioned that there would need to be a discussion regarding how much paving would be covered as part of the project (for BCEMS and BTMES if paving is not solely related to the project). Brief discussion was held regarding logistics for paving and paving in conjunction with this project. Mr. Evans believes that as long as the Committee is aware of the project, he does not believe it needs Board approval.

On a motion by Mr. Reil, seconded by Ms. Ainsworth, the Committee unanimously voted to approve having Watershed Consulting move forward with the permitting process.

Mr. Torizzo advised that the permit application for BCEMS has already been submitted to the State and is under review. It's possible that the final permit will be received within a month or two. The preliminary cost estimate for BCEMS is \$471,000. Mr. Torizzo provided an overview of the plan (which includes underground storage vaults) for BCEMS, including the challenges encountered while creating plans. It was noted that this plan should be done in conjunction with paving needs (to be most cost effective). The original planning included a system to accommodate both the school and the recreation area (City pool etc), but the City advised they do not want to participate in a joint project.

It was noted that the SHS plans are still being worked on. Mr. Evans provided an overview of planning being performed by Dubois & King, Inc. (included in the packet). The plans distributed this evening are still fairly preliminary. Brief discussion was held, including discussion of traffic patterns and the timeline of the design process. It was reiterated that the District should get all of the projects submitted as soon as possible. Mr. Evans did request that Dubois & King put this project on the 'fast track' so that a permit application can be submitted. Mr. Evans will reach out to Dubois & King regarding giving a presentation (including a budget number) at the May meeting.

6. Old Business

6.1 EEI Update with Monthly Financials

Mr. Evans reported that teachers have moved back in to their classrooms and having been giving rave reviews on the new lighting. Mr. Evans has been advising teachers that when the project is further along, their classrooms will have air conditioning. Mr. Evans is impressed with assistance provided by teachers and other staff (moving furniture). In response to a query, Mr. Evans advised that some uni-ventilators will be kept as spares and the District will try to sell the bulk of them. Mr. Evans advised that the Business Manager will need to share financial information, but the Business Office is currently working on the transition to the new financial system. Mr. Evans provided a brief overview of the monthly applications for payment and noted that they are being carefully reviewed. The project is on track financially. Mr. Evans noted that some minor additional work has been involved replacing sheetrock (high impact sheetrock). It was confirmed that sprinkler work has been delayed until the summer, which will require re-opening areas, but the expense will be on the contractor not the District. Mr. Reil queried regarding deferring some of the ESSER funding and utilizing some of the food service surplus instead (utilizing ESSER funds for other items). Mr. Evans will check with Mrs. Perreault on this matter. Mr. Evans advised that the walk-in freezer is being replaced using food service surplus funds.

6.2 5-Year Plan Progress Report

Mr. Evans advised that not much has changed at this point. Mr. Evans has been having difficulty accessing the document, but will update it soon. Mr. Malone queried regarding providing more detail (expenses) in the Plan. Mr. Evans advised that he and the Business Manager will work together to add more detail to the Plan. Mr. Reil believes a more detailed Plan would be very useful for scheduling, planning, and budgeting, and would also like to see capital assets added to the Plan.

6.3 Visionary List

Mr. Evans advised that he has requested that each building begin working on their 'wants/needs' list and he has asked the Superintendent to add him to the building administrator meeting agendas for the purpose of providing an overview of what is being requested. Mr. Reil believes that maintenance/custodial personnel can also provide some valuable input for the Visionary Lists. Mr. Evans will have lists from maintenance/custodial personnel for next month's meeting. It was noted that Mr. Aither advised that he has started an extensive list for SHS.

7. Other Business

Mr. Malone queried regarding possible large ticket items related to State regulations (PCBs, lead, etc.). Mr. Evans provided a brief update on testing to-date and variations on limits the State is imposing (standards continue to be changed by the State). There is currently a pause on testing for PCBs in schools. Mr. Evans advised regarding prior asbestos and lead testing and remediation.

Mr. Evans advised that Efficiency Vermont has a pilot program (TLED) that will pay 100% of the cost to replace fluorescent bulbs with LED bulbs. The District will be responsible for the manpower to change bulbs/lamps and for the recycling of fluorescent bulbs. Recycling costs should be minimal. BCEMS will receive \$61,012 in free universal lamps and BTMES will receive \$48,216 worth of free universal lamps. The fixtures will remain the same and the District will benefit from reduced electricity costs.

Bid review for roofing projects will occur on Thursday (04/06/23). Mr. Evans advised that vendors were asked to break out the bids based on roof sections and the District will replace as much roofing as possible within the budget.

Mr. Evans advised that Mr. Rouse, on behalf of the SHS Foundation, has applied for some of the City's ARPA funds. Mr. Evans is not sure if the amount being requested, if awarded, would be enough to fund a full study of the SHS Athletic Fields.

8. Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

- EEI Update Including Finances
- 5-Year Plan Update
- Building Visionary Lists
- Dubois & King Storm Water Presentation (SHS)
- Greenprint Update (Funding for Storm Water Mitigation)
- Update on Granite Structures at SHS
- Green Schools Initiative (Informational – Charges, Priorities, etc)
- Tour of an SHS Classroom with New Lighting (start tour at 5:30 p.m.)

Add to Parking Lot:

- Athletic Facilities Consultant – Information Gathering (Mr. Reil – April 2023)
- LED Lighting at BCEMS and BTMES – (Mr. Reil – April 2023)

9. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Ainsworth, seconded by Reil, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin