

**Greenwich Board of Education
Minutes of the New Lebanon Building Committee Meeting**

DATE: Wednesday, January 11, 2023
TIME: 8:00 am
LOCATION: New Lebanon School Conference Room

Committee Members Present:

Stephen Walko - Chairman
Patricia Baiardi Kantorski - Clerk
Clare Kilgallen
Christina Downey (BOE)
Jake Allen
Absent: Bill Drake - Vice Chairman (BET)
Brian Harris

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Nick Macri (P&Z) via phone
Absent: Will Schwartz (DPW)

Others Present:

Jesse Saylor (TSKP Studio)
Jae Chu (Gilbane-Project Engineer)
Chris Cykley (CSG-Clerk-of-the Works)
Alley Bartholomew (NL Principal)
Dan Watson (DOF-BOE)
Dominick Franco (Maintenance Forman)

1. Call the meeting to order

- a. The meeting was called to order by Steve Walko at 8:00 am.

2. Discussion of Bridge - tiles & electrical work

- a. Steve Walko said the most critical issue that needs to be resolved is the electrical work relative to the ice-melt heating system for the bridges. Walko said the heating system worked during the one storm we had this Winter, but on Monday the South Bridge heating system failed. The NLBC discussed who was responsible for the problem. It was decided that Ferguson, not Action Air was responsible. Alley Bartholomew discussed the log the school kept to document when the bridge heating system worked and when it failed. Dominick Franco said typically a sensor turns the heating system on when the temperature is 38° and is located in the center of each bridge. Franco added that the sensor did not work correctly. He identified the problem as a control issue but said it can be turned on manually. He informed the committee there is a new type of sensor that is controlled by weather.com which takes the human error out of the equation.
- b. Jesse Saylor said there was work preformed on the electrical boxes but they still needed to add heat tracers to warm the electrical boxes so that if any water entered the box it would evaporate. Steve Walko asked if the upgrade was appropriate. Saylor said it was and TSKP will research the issue then report back to the NLBC. Once the NLBC has this information, they will make a motion to purchase the heat tracers at an estimated cost of \$1,000. each. The committee had a discussion concerning the timing of the work. Franco suggested an alternate solution to the heat tracers. He said a tiny cabinet heater could be used and was a simpler solution.
- c. **A Motion was made** by Clare Kilgallen and seconded by Christina Downey **to authorize up to \$5,000. for electrical work to replace the existing heat sensors with WiFi sensors and install electrical cabinet heaters subject to approval of the mechanical engineer.** The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0-0. Bill Drake and Brian Harris were absent.
- d. Jay Chu said the loose tiles have been re-adhered and both bridges will be completely retiled in the Summer.
- e. Steve Walko asked for a Moment of Silence to respect the passing of the NLBC member Dean Goss.

3. Discussion on Sound System

- a. Alley Bartholomew discussed how the sound system is typically used and commented that the problem may have been a user error. Bartholomew questions if the sound system was not functioning or there was a design change. Steve Walko asked the if the school could test the system. She said they would and will get back to the NLBC with the results.

4. Discussion on water facets/bottle fillers

- a. Dan Watson informed the committee that when the school custodians changed the water filters they discovered that one was missing. Watson also noted that all the water filtration system parts were not a commercial quality. Jesse Saylor said TSKP will review the specification to identify which water coolers and faucets were specified to have filters. Jay Chu said Gilbane will check the workmanship and it was an electrical and a plumbing issue.

5. **Approval of Invoices (if any)**

- a. There were no invoices to discuss.

6. **Discussion on State Reimbursement**

- a. Chris Cykley said he spoke to the State and will have an update regarding the status of the reimbursement. Cykley explained the reimbursement process to the NLBC.

7. **Approval of 8/24/22 & 11/16/22 Meeting Minutes**

- a. **A Motion was made** by Jake Allen and seconded by Clare Kilgallen **to approve the Minutes of the Meeting** as amended for August 24, 2022. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0-0. Bill Drake and Brian Harris were absent.
- b. **A Motion was made** by Jake Allen and seconded by Clare Kilgallen **to approve the Minutes of the Meeting** for November 16, 2022. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0-0. Bill Drake and Brian Harris were absent.

8. **Adjourn**

- a. The meeting was adjourned by Steve Walko at 9:00 am.