

Mr. Rasmus called the December 6, 2021 MASD Buildings and Grounds Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present were Joseph Rasmus, William Berger, Sue Farr, Heather Mausteller, Brent Crispell, Brian Albertson, Alicia Differ and Kathy Musselman. Guest Jess Rider joined via Zoom at 7:05 p.m.

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

Guest did not request to speak.

UPDATE ON AUDITORIUM PROJECT

The replacement carpet was expedited and installed December 1st, meeting the goal to have installation before the holiday concerts. At this given time, carpet replacement was limited to the water-damaged carpet area. Eventually, new carpeting will extend up the isles and backside of the auditorium.

During Christmas break, VCT tile installation in the hallway and bottom floor of the band room will occur.

Due to close proximities, outside excavating is problematic to repair the underground piping. The outside ground opening will be closed and plumbing rerouting will be completed as time allows. No operational impact other than no hot water in a couple of restrooms and hand sanitizer is readily available. Underground piping is not covered by our insurance.

PROGRESS ON THE GREENHOUSE PROJECT TO DATE

Greenhouse plumbing removed and sorting to keep the good and dispose of the unusable. Removing electrical components tomorrow, thereafter, the exterior removed and piping numbered for easier reassembly.

Storage of the greenhouse components will be stored and locked in the stadium restrooms and the electrical and lighting will be stored in the recycling shed.

Mr. Crispell stated the greenhouse will be safely reconstructed on the blacktop area near the cafeteria and anchored with "male"/"female" stakes with one stake inserted into the other and cemented into place creating a safe and stable anchor.

REVIEW UTILITIES INTERGRATION PLAN FROM VERTECH ASSOCIATES FOR GREENHOUSE PROJECT

Erecting the greenhouse timeframe is undetermined until we have an idea of the utility installation. Matt Vertucci, Vertech Engineering Associates, provided blueprints and specs for the electricity, plumbing, and gas installation. Brent welcomes feedback after the committee review of the blueprints and prior to obtaining quotes. If changes or revisions to the blueprints are necessitated, Matt Vertucci will do so at no additional charge for the blueprint revisions. After revision, Mr. Crispell will bring back to the committee.

QUOTES VS BIDDING

The bidding threshold is \$21,300. Meeting this threshold is not anticipated. The solicitor supports petitioning quotes from independent contractors.

Mrs. Mausteller stated she would like to have more than one quote. Mr. Crispell stated we already have two quotes for electrical and two quotes for excavating and looking for more. No quotes for propane at current time. Suggestion to reach out to Kopyy's since they are our current propane supplier, to see if they had an interest in providing a quote. Heather stated if we went with Kopyy's she wanted to be certain funding would be directed from the correct accounts. Bill questioned the possibility of torpedoing underground to tap into our current propane supply.

SECONDARY/ELEMENTARY FITNESS ROOM EQUIPMENT QUOTE/PROPOSAL:

Fitness equipment not appropriate for use in the secondary and elementary fitness rooms cleared from the rooms. One useable treadmill remains at the elementary school.

Fitness Headquarters, a COSTARS vendor, submitted a quote/proposal for \$43,412, to include three treadmills, three ellipticals, and three recumbent bikes, designed for use by all students, and warranty.

Mr. Rasmus, Mr. Albertson, Mrs. Davis and Ms. Differ assessed the equipment for quality and longevity and to be certain the equipment was therapy grade for students with disabilities and suitable for athletics.

The question arose if the fitness equipment quantity could be scaled back. After discussion with Mr. Albertson and Ms. Differ, it was decided the quantity would be necessary and utilized since not just one athlete would be using the equipment at a time and physical therapy/occupational therapy is usually at least two students at a time.

Mr. Rasmus asked the committee if they would like the Fitness Headquarters quote/proposal to go before the Board or if the desire was to seek other vendors.

Concerned with the proposal costs Heather advised to attain one or two more proposals.

Mr. Rasmus stated ACCESS funds could subsidized part of the costs.

LONG RANGE PLANNING FOR END-OF-LIFE OF GEOTHERMAL/MULTI-STACK SYSTEM

Two years of the 5-year warranty have passed on the work performed on the cylinders and compressor of the multi-stack system. One unit did not clean and dry well, however, the work performed was worth it with very little issues and 80% less break down.

Long range planning is needed with three years remaining on the 5-year warranty. New technology options are out there and/or do we consider well fields or retrofitting to the current Multi-stack. McClure may not grant us another warranty on the Multi-stack due to age of the system.

Mr. Crispell suggested inviting Alyssa, McClure Company, to a committee meeting; however, things may change over the 3-year period. Bill advised to have Alyssa come to a meeting even just to give us a "ballpark" idea.

Mr. Rasmus stated having an assessment now to plan for budgeting over the three years rather than pulling funds from capital reserves.

RELOCATE REFRIGERATOR

The Booster Club presented a request to have maintenance relocate the refrigerator from the elementary school concessions area to the high school concessions area.

The committee appreciates what the boosters do; however, the request will not be fulfilled and the refrigerator will stay as is. Currently, a refrigerator is located at the high school and a cooler with ice is being utilized for drinks.

LONG RANGE STADIUM INITIATIVE

Mr. Rasmus provided information to the committee for future consideration of artificial turf on the fields. The estimated projection cost would be 1.2-1.3 million dollars. Possible subsidizing by industrial partners. Geoffrey Sellers, Keystone Sports, would be willing to come to a committee meeting to explain the management of the project. Many area schools have artificial turf.

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Alicia and Brian stated the advantage to artificial turf is hosting district and state games and tournaments, as hosts with grass fields are shielded away from. Each school host signs a site lease contract that allows for payment of game workers and rental fees of about \$400 per game. Artificial turf would also be a help to Brent.

The committee did not feel this was a great offset or advantage but was open to finding out what is involved to make this happen and to pursue outside funding.

Sue Farr and Heather Mausteller stated The Millard Ludwig Stadium was not well received and a source of contention by the taxpayers of the district and did not want funding of the artificial turf to fall back on the taxpayers.

CLOSING STATEMENTS

Mrs. Mausteller mentioned she did not like the digital signage on the building near the auditorium area and felt it should be moved. Mr. Rasmus stated as discussed at the September 16 Buildings and Grounds meeting the current location allows for the most visibility from the street. Mr. Rasmus also stated Ms. Differ is working with CMVT to provide additional building access signage.

Mrs. Mausteller suggested she would like to revisit the topic of entrance door metal detectors due to the most recent school climate.

Mr. Rasmus expressed Heather had a great suggestion and would reach out to RaeAnn Crispell, at the CSIU.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Kathy Musselman
Assistant Board Secretary