

Hastings-on-Hudson UFSD
Board of Education
Facilities Committee

December 10, 2018

Present at Meeting:

Maureen Caraballo, District Treasurer
Joe Martorana, Director of Facilities
Lauren Berman, Board Trustee
Jodie Meyer, Board Trustee
Veronika Byrnes, H2M Architects

Present at second half of meeting:
Rob McQueen, Hastings resident

Key Topics

1. Lighting Project

- Maureen and Joe presented a LED lighting proposal for the Board of Education to consider
- The service provider Brightcore/BrightEDU would potentially replace all fluorescent lighting with LED fixtures and bulbs
- Brightcore/BrightEDU provides financing for the project, and Maureen and Joe explained that with an upfront contribution of \$145,000 by the District, the remainder of the cost would be returned to the provider in place of our current utility costs, with an addition of \$200-300 monthly savings (Option C in the Brightcore/BrightEDU November 2018 proposal)
- The Option C would provide a savings of \$760,268 in electricity over 20 years
- The committee reviewed several other options within the proposal and ultimately agreed with Maureen and Joe's recommended Option C based on savings despite the initial contribution of \$145,000
- Maureen commented on the environmental impact and the long-term savings
- Lauren commented on the benefits of LED lighting over fluorescent in both a workplace and learning environment
- Maureen commented that half of her office lighting has been converted and there is a difference in light
- Rob commented that the Option C with no upfront investment of \$145,000 by the District appears to come out as a monthly loss of just over \$1,000

2. Emergency Elevator Repair
 - The doors on the main elevator at FMS require an unscheduled repair
 - Both the inside and outside doors need to be fixed on the double-sided elevator
 - The cost is approximately \$49,000
3. PA System/Clocks
 - In the review of the electrical systems that support our PA System in FMS/HHS in anticipation of its upgrade, it has been discovered that our wiring is out of date
 - We have CAT 5 wiring and we require CAT 6 for our current technology systems to continue, and the future upgrades to the PA system to function
 - Maureen is looking into ERate funding to make this wiring upgrade
4. Security Updates
 - The District's Facilities department is presently upgrading some doors to bring up to standard for security (locks, window size)
 - The committee commented that these upgrades were removed from the 2019 potential capital bond, in part because they shouldn't wait two years for funding
5. Skate Park
 - Maureen highlighted an email previously sent to the Board of Education that states the community interest group is potentially looking at a section of the Burke estate for the proposed skate park
 - It is an area of approximately 3000 square feet, close to the road
 - The Board of Education would not be funding the project, it would come from possible grants, and possible fundraising
 - Maureen has been in conversation with Mike Jacobs, an architect in the community who is with the town Parks and Recreation committee. Mike has commented that the area would need surveying for this potential use.

Proposed Next Steps

1. Re: Lighting Project: The Board will receive a copy of the Brightcore/BrightEDU proposal and Maureen will send a memo of her recommendations prior to the 12/17/2018 meeting in order for the Board to approve the project
2. Re: Emergency Elevator Repair: The Board will consider a budget transfer to pay for the unscheduled repair
3. Re: PA System/Clocks: Maureen will look into the costs and funding for the electrical upgrade, including ERate
4. Re: Community Skate Park: Maureen said she will keep the Board posted of the community group's discussion with town Parks and Recreation

Questions for the Board to Consider

1. Re: Lighting Proposal: The Board should review the proposal and the Facilities/Treasurer recommendations for the \$145,000 upfront contribution to lighting upgrade. The Board should be prepared with questions, and whether or not they will approve the expense and the proposal at the 12/17/2018 meeting.
2. Re: Emergency Elevator Repair: The Board should be prepared to consider a budget transfer for this expense
3. Re: Community Skate Park: The Board should consider the idea of the land use at Burke for this project