

MINUTES
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #120
BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024, 3:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gary Ferrari, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Gary Ferrari, Committee Chair, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, and Mr. Scott Pescetto

ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Mr. Mike Kmetz, Kmetz Architect Inc., Mr. Tim Tomminello, Director of Building & Grounds, Mrs. Jennifer Does, Business Manager, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2024, COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION by Dr. Lynch, and seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve minutes for February 12, 2024, committee meeting, as presented. Voting Aye: Dr. Lynch, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Ferrari; Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried.

L-P SPORTS COMPLEX PHASE II UPDATE

Dr. Wroblewski, Mr. Tomminello, and Mr. Kmetz provided a status report on the Sports Complex updating the committee on the following:

- **Huby Sarver Field Sign** - Mr. Schmidt with MCS Advertising will be producing a larger set of mock-ups for the outfield sign, as well as signage for the concession building with an image and biography of Mr. Huby Sarver.
- **Press Box Windows** - The windows in all press boxes are soundproof and fixed shut. Collaborating with Mr. Kmetz and Koolmaster, we aim to install at least one sliding window in each press box to facilitate in-game communication. Upon inspection of the bullpens, concerns have arisen regarding the safety of players and spectators during warm-ups. Byrne & Jones has suggested extending netting by 3 feet to the rooftop of the dugouts to prevent uncontrolled balls from reaching the stands. Additionally, Dr. Wroblewski will explore signage options for parking lots to alert visitors about the risk of foul balls.
- **Ribbon Cutting/Dedication** - The L-P Sports Complex Phase II ribbon cutting and baseball field dedication is scheduled for April 8th at 4:00p.m.

SPRING/SUMMER 2024 FACILITY PROJECTS

Dr. Wroblewski, Mr. Tomminello, and Mr. Kmetz provided a status report on the Sports Complex updating the committee on the following:

- **Howard Fellows Stadium Renovation** - The project is out to bid. Mr. Kmetz established a schedule for contractors to work around the football and band programs needs without interruption. The project will be completed in time for graduation to be held in the stadium.
- **Counseling Office/PE** - The counseling department will be emptied at the end of the school year and Vissering Construction will begin work the following week. The project will be completed prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Dr. Wroblewski, Mr. Tomminello, and Mr. Kmetz provided a status report on the Sports Complex updating the committee on the following:

- **Sellett Gym Scoreboard Installation – April 15** - Installation is scheduled for the week of April 15th and will require 4-6 days to complete. Dr. Wroblewski, Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Baker are revisiting the advertising program to incorporate incentives for individuals and businesses to run commercials, aiming to boost advertising efforts.

- RISE Network Distance Learning Equipment Installation – Equipment to allow students access to dual credit courses through IVCC and participating partner schools will be installed during or around spring break. Equipment will be installed in the Collaboration Room (135) and functional in the fall.
- Phone System Installation – April 1 - Mrs. Williams has coordinated installation of the new phone system for April 1st.
- Main Building Water Heater – Emergency HLS - Mr. Tomminello shared the long-term plan to allocate funds for the installation of tankless water heaters as replacements for the existing holding tanks and components. Tankless heaters offer improved efficiency, with repair parts typically available within 1-2 days. Additionally, the district may qualify for utility incentives by transitioning to tankless systems.
- Room 317 Science Lab Plaster Repairs/Building Exterior Moisture Testing - The project is in progress. Brownfield Environmental is performing assessments.
- School Banner Hangers - Banners in parking lots continue to sustain damage from variable weather conditions. Research is underway to explore alternative fabrics that facilitate airflow, aiming to prevent tearing and breakage.
- 546 Creve Coeur Street Property
 - Tree Removal – Stuart Tree Service has removed the trees from the property.
 - House Demolition – Demolition is scheduled for March 22nd.
- Kowalski Projects
 - Health Occupations Classroom (Dolan Building) – The design team has scheduled a meeting on March 27th to further develop the design scheme for two distinct areas of health occupation instruction. One area will be tailored for instructing on residential/nursing home care, while the other will be designed to replicate a hospital setting.
 - Early Childhood Playground/Learning Lab (Dolan Building) - Dr. Wroblewski recommended hiring Byrne & Jones for the construction of the playground/learning lab for \$319,000. Mr. Kowalski issued a \$350,000 check to cover the expenses of the playground/learning lab, upgraded fence surrounding the playground, and rolling door for the ACC building.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE TO HIRE BYRNE & JONES SPORTS CONSTRUCTION, ST. LOUIS, MO, TO CONSTRUCT THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAYGROUNDS/LEARNING LAB VIA THE TIPS PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

MOTION by Dr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to accept to recommend the Board to hire Byrne & Jones Sports Construction, St. Louis, MO, to construct the Early Childhood Playground/Learning Lab via the TIPS Purchasing Cooperative, as presented. Voting Aye: Dr. Lynch, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Ferrari. Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

PREVENTATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING

Dr. Wroblewski updated the committee on discussions with Brownfield Environmental regarding the implementation of a prevention plan that involves regular testing for agents that may pose potential health and safety risks to students and staff. Dr. Wroblewski is awaiting pricing and schedule information. Funding source – Tort.

FIELD HOUSE PLANNING UPDATE

Dr. Wroblewski, Mr. Sarver and Mr. Merboth met with Mr. John Vezzetti, Bernardi Securities, to review the financial analysis. Dr. Wroblewski and Mr. Sarver will begin to meet with individual Board members to discuss the financial model.

HANDHELD SECURITY WAND METAL DETECTORS

Dr. Wroblewski shared the acquisition request from Mrs. Lance, Associate Principal for School Safety, for the purchase of two (2) handheld security wand metal detectors. The devices are user friendly and non-invasive, allowing for discreet and safe inspection of vaping and THC-related substances.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE PURCHASE TWO (2)
HANDHELD SECURITY WAND METAL DETECTORS

MOTION by Dr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to accept to recommend the Board approve the purchase two (2) handheld security wand metal detectors for the School Safety Office, as presented. Voting Aye: Dr. Lynch, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Ferrari. Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

PSIC RISK CONTROL REPORT – January 30, 2024

Dr. Wroblewski shared the annual review conducted by Prairie State Insurance Cooperative.

ADJOURMENT

Motion by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Dr. Lynch, and Mr. Ferrari; Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried. Time 4:25 p.m.**



Mr. Gary Ferrari
Committee Chair



Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary