

The New London Board of Education School Facilities & Program Design Committee meeting was held on February 12, 2024 in the Shaw's Cove Family Engagement Room and via Zoom Webinars.

DRAFT

1. Call to Order

Mr. Doughty, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present for the Committee: Bryan Doughty – Committee Chair
Susan Hambey – Committee Member

Absent for the Committee: Alisha Blake – Committee Member
Aaron Ide – Community Representative

Present for the Administration: Miguel Gautier, Jr. – Executive Director of District Operations
Cynthia Ritchie – Superintendent of Schools

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- February 12, 2024

Motion by Mr. Doughty, seconded by Ms. Hambey, to approve the February 12, 2024 minutes of the School Facilities & Program Design Committee.

Motion carried, 2-0

4. Updates and Discussion

- North Campus Update

Mr. Gautier reported that he, along with the construction team and principal of the architect team, are working to come up with a permanent solution for the ongoing door issues. Likely the resolution will be that all doors need to be replaced. There haven't been issues with doors in decades. With the input of Fire Marshal Skau, new doors are being installed so that they are functional and meet the Fire Code. Approximately 32 doors total will need to be replaced.

Mr. Gautier also noted that there has been an issue at the football field regarding drainage, and that some sewage is spilling out. He stated that he was not there to see it in person, but Veolia Water confirmed that it may have been sewage. He continued that the City is currently investigating.

- South Campus Update

Mr. Gautier shared photos of the new construction areas.

- Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Gautier reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan with the committee. He shared that he has updated the formulas in the spreadsheets as well.

Mr. Doughty thanked Mr. Gautier for his work on the plan. He shared that the State has adopted new regulations in regard to HVAC reporting, and asked if we anticipated a cost associated with such. Mr. Gautier stated that he has received one estimate of \$211,000 and has reached out to another company for another estimate. He stated that he is looking for a unicorn that can do both the asbestos and this reporting in house. He stated that with these quotes, the reports will tell you what is wrong but don't do the repairs. He stated that if there is someone trained in house who can do the reporting, they can also do the repairs. He added that it would be cheaper to hire our own staff member to do this, but it would also be expensive. Mr. Doughty asked when the report is done, where does it go? Mr. Gautier shared it goes to the State, but that the District receives no money from the State to do the work, so he is unsure what the State will do with the report.

5. Committee Member Comments

None.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Doughty, seconded by Ms. Hambey, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 2-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristea A. Francolino
Manager of Executive Support Services