

Finance, Facilities, Technology Committee
Minutes

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Discussion Items

- Dominic D’Errico – AHERA Consultants
- Budget
- Policy 8330
- Boiler – CHS (Same as Central Office)
- Baseball Fields
- Construction Update
 - Seth Boyden – Gym Ceiling
- High School Commons renovation – Bond Construction
- Preschool Classroom sizes – Montrose
- PEOSH – CHS Complaint & Response
- New Business
 - Resolutions (Hey Tutor, Atlas Renewal Subscription, Playposit)

- We started with Dominic D'Errico of AHERA Consultants on the Internal Air Quality test performed in some classrooms @ Marshall. He reiterated that the air quality was within all parameters and showed no signs of elevated mold spores or other harmful substances.

- Mr. Burnside gave a presentation about the budget.
He talked about the budget process. Presented some high-level numbers (2% cap ~ \$167MM) and helped us walk down each line item, including debt repayment. Using the existing \$1.4MM to fix the Baseball field and also put in a softball field @ Underhill, ensure that we respect title IX. Last year's budget and the audit report will be presented at the next general BOE meeting.

- Do we plan to extend part-time music teacher contracts for 2022-23?

Yes, the two part time music teachers are budgeted for in the 2022-23 school year.

- Boilers

The boiler at the Administrative office is down to one and is ancient - needs to be replaced. The initial estimate was \$850k (given by our Architectural firm). Mr. Giglio went to our current HVAC contractors and was pleasantly surprised to be quoted \$200k for replacing both the boilers. So, the D wing Boilers will also be replaced for about \$200k for a total of ~500k (4 boilers for \$500k vs. 2 @ 850k). We are waiting for an estimate for asbestos abatement.

- Construction update

Seth Boyden's gym roof failure has been scaffolded and made safe for the use of the room around the scaffold. The second gym will be closed for Boiler replacement. With better weather coming our way, all activities will move outdoors.

- Tech Lease Purchases (~ \$1.7MM)

Replace existing card system used by faculty. Ability to expand this card system platform to students if the Board agrees and budgets for it.

- Policy 8330

We had a good discussion on the state of student record keeping in the district. We have digitized records for the last 15 years. Everything before that is physical records. We could potentially have professional archiving companies like Iron Mountain come and take care of the safekeeping but explore the associated costs. We need to add language like "The district will make best efforts to store the records and retrieve them when requested" - leave the how-to to the district.

- Preschool class size

* No need to worry right now *

This is something that could potentially be impactful for the Montrose pre-school. The state requires each classroom to be 750 sq feet, but the preschool is not compliant given that Montrose is an old building. We got a non-compliance letter from the state. The district is in the process of reaching out to the commissioner and others to see if we can get a variance. If not, we will have to make some hard choices - in the future. Maybe limit class size and reduce the number of children in the school or spend lots of money to ensure compliance.

- PEOSH

Mr. Giglio gave an update on a PEOSH complaint in the High School. The district has satisfied all requests to date and are currently waiting on close out letter from the contact at PEOSH.

- New business

The entire Board will have to pass a resolution for renewing software licenses for Hey Tutor, Atlas Renewal Subscription, Playposit. C&I Committee has already approved this. There is money in the budget for this line item.