

GENERAL SERVICES MEETING

01/27/2025 [04:00 PM-05:00 PM] @ Board of Directors Room

1. Call to Order

Minutes

Mrs. Renz called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Minutes

Members in Attendance: Robert Bennett, Joshua Cysyk, Jennifer Renz, and Ericka Schmidt

Citizen Advisors in Attendance: Cindy Jackson, Daniel Lauria and Nicholas Stoops

Citizen Advisors Absent: Elizabeth Claypoole

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Michele Agee, Anthony Colestock, John Eck, John Fready, Sarah Harmer, Jared Nicholson, Carol Pitts, Jason Reifsnyder, Honesta Romberger, Aaron Shuman, and Stacy Winslow

3. Election of Committee Chair

Minutes

Dr. Cysyk, followed by a second from Mrs. Schmidt, nominated Mrs. Renz to be chair of the General Services Committee. Mrs. Renz was approved to remain as chair.

4. Approval of Summary Minutes

Minutes

Following a motion by Dr. Cysyk, and a second by Mrs. Schmidt, the Minutes were approved.

5. Unfinished Business

5.a. CRA Presentation - Elementary Schematic Design

Minutes

Mr. Colestock of Crabtree, Rohrbaugh, and Associates shared the following on the Elementary Schematic Design:

- Schematic Design Floor Plan
 - building organization
 - educational program layout
- Civil Engineering
 - preliminary grading plan
 - geophysical Investigation
 - parking & bus/parent drop-off

- Due to the preliminary grading plans with the advisement from the civil engineer to have a number of retaining walls the design was shifted as this would not be the most cost effective
- Next Steps
 - Schematic Design
 - square Footage to verify construction cost estimate
 - board approval of schematic design - March 10, 2025
 - Civil Engineering
 - preliminary Grading Plan
 - parking & Bus/Parent Drop-off
 - zoning
 - traffic
 - Geotech report - Stormwater and Foundation Design

5.b. Follow Up on Water Main Break - Mr. Fready

Minutes

Mr. Fready shared the following on the Water Main Break:

- 8 inch water main leak on Homestead Road in front of the elementary school Wednesday, January 15th
- depression found on road at approximately 12:30pm, administration met to discuss
- Officer Kessler coordinated with Derry Township Police Department to shut down the section of Homestead Road
- American Water was contacted and brought on site to begin shutting down the water supply to isolate the leak
- did not disrupt water supply to the elementary school
- Ebersole Excavating arrived on site to open the hole to allow for repair
- administration made the decision to utilize the north side throughway (bus coral) of the elementary school to allow students and staff to exit
- coordination with transportation and communication to parents for pickup was sent out - allowing for safe and efficient dismissal
- the repair was completed January 16th at 12:30am and the road was reopened

6. New Business

6.a. Energy Expenses - Anticipated increases for 2025-2026 - Mr. Fready

Minutes

Mr. Fready shared the following on the Energy Expense anticipated increases for 2025-26:

- there is an energy rate increase that will substantially impact the district's 2025-26 budget
- currently under an agreement with the IU13 Electricity Procurement Program July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026
- through the program the PJM (PA, NJ, and MD) auction, aka capacity market, a competitive bidding process for power plants and electric providers submit offers to provide a certain amount of electricity during peak demand periods
- this bidding program ensures the PJM grid has enough power to meet demand and takes place several years in advance of the delivery year

- a presentation was provided at the IU13 on December 12th to provide the projection rates -increase by 437%
- the projection is due to decreased electric supply from a number of generator/power plant retirements combined with increased demand
- the district participates in a curtailment program to help reduce costs
- with the program the district is notified in advance of a peak demand time period and have the option to opt in or out of the curtailment
- if the district opts in, staff is notified by email and HVAC systems are shut down to decrease electric demand
- 24-25 electric budget - \$679,499 / 25-26 electric budget \$1,691,000, increase of \$1,011,501 / 249%
- will look at options to reduce energy consumption

7. Public Comment

Minutes

There were no citizens with comments or questions for the committee.

8. Adjournment

Minutes

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m. with a motion from Dr. Cysyk followed by a second from Mrs. Schmidt. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2025.