

Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2025

5:45 p.m.

Members Present: Frank Ryan, Natalie Perez, David Tannehill, Terry Bender, Remy Bonnell, Mike Diehl

Administration Present: Dr. Nicole Dice

Others: Shannon Crooker (via zoom), John Weiland (HF Lenz)

1. Solar Discussion

Shannon Crooker from Generation180, a non-profit who helps bring solar to schools, met with the committee virtually through zoom to discuss research done for a potential solar project at Turkeyfoot School to offset electrical costs. Ms Crooker presented the options for a self-purchased system or a third-party system along with funding sources and grants. There was discussion about looking at areas for the array without taking over the football field. After Ms Crooker answered main questions she left the meeting and further discussion was had about timelines, options, and locations. Dr. Dice will contact Ms Crooker to discuss possible options for other areas of the district property for the array and more details about timelines. (Note: this topic was an informational item and no further items will be sent to the board for consideration at this point)

2. Building Projects – Grant Updates

John Weiland was present to discuss details and answer questions regarding the HF Lenz project proposal for the heating and water tank projects that are part of a competitive grant attained by the district. Discussion was had about keeping both current heating sources then adding the propane heating system. It was also discussed for the superintendent to determine if the cold water tanks are part of the project and to relay that information to HF Lenz for the proposal. Mike Diehl recommended the engineers consider fiberglass tanks with replaceable bladders for the water tank to keep maintenance more manageable and easier. He also noted the need for the propane tank to be buried in the rear land area of the building since it will likely be about 24,000 gallons. It was discussed that the project should have a manual switch among the heating systems. HF Lenz will update their proposal with the information discussed at the meeting and additional information being attained by Dr. Dice from the head of maintenance.

3. Custodial Wish List

Dr. Dice explained that Glenn asked for two main items for his wish list: sealing floors and tiling floor areas. The custodial staff would remove old carpeting and get tile in the principal office areas and another area of the school that are old and in need of updating. The front floor and cafeteria floors can be sealed to help keep them in good shape as a preventive measure. The committee agreed to move forward with pricing and the wish list projects summarized to take to the board for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.