

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PLACE: Meeting held via Zoom DATE: 14 January 2021 TIME: 4:00

P.M.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Vinny Scarlata, chair

1. Opening

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
MR. RICH BSHARA	X		
MS. DIGIORGI	X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA	X		
TOTAL	3	0	

Also in attendance; Superintendent DiBacco,
Facilities Director, Bob Evans.

2. **Public Comments.**

There were no comments at this time.

3. **Review and possible action regarding the following items.**

A. Pre-K move to elementary schools

Discussion: Mr. Scarlata asked Mr. Bob Evans to speak. Mr. Evans said this move will better the environment for sixth grade elementary students as well as Pre-K students. He said the current location of sixth grade and Pre-K originated when the district reorganized due to a NCLB mandate. He said the move back will allow the sixth grade students to create a true Middle School environment. Mr. Evans said the Pre-K move will help to make a smooth transition into elementary grades with the classrooms located in the same buildings.

B. Grade 6 move to Ansonia Middle School.

Mr. Evans confirmed this item was discussed in the above action item.

C. Coe Lane update.

Discussion: Mr. Evans said this project will be moving forward in the spring when construction can take place. He said there were a few minor delays that needed to be cleared up with Derby regarding property ownership. Mr. Evans said the project should be underway now that all problems are resolved.

D. Purchase of chillers for AHS and Prendergast; request permission to access non-lapsing account.

Discussion: Mr. Evans said there is a need to purchase a chiller at the high school and one at Prendergast School. He said these are very expensive pieces and the labor is even greater. He said he will get pricing directly from the manufacture and have his own maintenance staff do the installation for the project. He said this will prove to be a huge savings for the district. Mr. Evans said he is asking to utilize the non-lapsing account for this project. He said the account which has a balance of approximately \$301,000 would be perfect for this one time occurrence. He said he is asking for this to be brought to the full Board so they can get the paper work going

E. Update on Alliance Grant projects and CRF grant projects.

Discussion: Mr. Evans said numerous projects have been started and completed from the Alliance Grant and CRF grant. He discussed these projects, and went over all others that will be completed very soon.

The committee talked about the need for an upgraded surveillance system, complete cleaning of all ducts in the district, as well as the evaluation process of the HVAC System. Mr. Evans said this HVAC project will allow the district to be compliant with the COVID recommendations from the government. He said it is going to be helpful to see the building's needs and move forward with a plan. He said with the CFR grant funds, approximately \$225,000 was spent on all touchless bathroom fixtures as well as bottle fillers for water fountains. Mr. Evans asked the committee to give their suggestions so the above mentioned items can be presented to the Board.

Mr. Bshara asked what an approximate cost for the projects listed in items A, B and D will be. Superintendent DiBacco said a ballpark cost will be \$100,000.

MOTION: To recommend to the full Board the approval of the Pre K relocation to Mead and Prendergast elementary schools, and sixth grade relocation to Ansonia Middle School. Also, permission to access the non-lapsing account.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA	1	X		
		3	0	0

4. **Adjournment**

MOTION: To adjourn meeting at 4:27 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA	3	X		
MRS. DIGIORGI	1	X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X		
		3	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson

Cassie Venson Recording Secretary
Date 1/20/2020