

## UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

### FACILITIES COMMITTEE

January 20, 2022

The Facility Committee Meeting was held at the multipurpose room at the Education Center with the following committee members attending: Melanie Cunningham (chairperson), Keith McCarrick, and JP Prego. Others in attendance were: Dr. Allyn Roche, Dan Direso, Doug Kenwood, and Peg Pennepacker. Community members in attendance were Dr. Farris and Dr. Bonekemper.

#### 1. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve the October 21, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried; all voted aye.

#### 2. **OLD BUSINESS**

##### a. Energy Performance Contract (GESA) Update

i. Mr. Kenwood stated that over the Holiday break a crane lifted the 3 hail damaged air sourced heat pump units off the roof of the High School and installed new units in their place. These units serve the cafeteria, library, computer labs, and TV studio. These units are up and running. In addition, the crane lifted a make-up air unit onto the roof for the kitchen. This unit is not up and running yet. We are still waiting for the new boilers for the High school. 4-5 Center boilers are in and waiting at a warehouse owned by the contractor.

ii. Geo thermal heat pumps have been ordered. They will be installed over the summer.

##### b. Middle School Detention Basin

Mr. Kenwood reported that he received an Engineering Proposal to stabilize the detention basin at the Middle School from Barry Isett & Associates. The plan is to lay fabric down and river stone on top of it to help stabilize the bottom of the basin. We need this to be completed to terminate the NPDES permit so we can move on to other work.

##### c. Panic System Update

Mr. Kenwood and Mrs. Cunningham briefed the new committee members on information up to this date. The estimated 3-year cost of the new system is \$80,000. The grant we received is \$60,000.

#### 3. **NEW BUSINESS**

##### a. IT Whiteboard/Projector Installation Project

Mr. Kenwood stated that this project will replace the projectors in the 3 elementary schools. It includes about 80 classrooms being switched to a Short Throw projector system. We have all the equipment needed, but must bid out the installation. An architect will be contacted for a proposal to create a public bid package.

##### b. Professional Services - Roofing

Mr. Kenwood reported that the next big project that will need to be addressed would be roofing. It won't be able to be done this summer due to supply chain issues. We will be looking to have the roofing projects start next Summer. Reviewing all options with contractors to find the best option. Currently looking into Mark Sobeck Roof Consulting

Inc. Mr. Kenwood has spoken to a few school districts that utilize this firm and they all speak very highly of them.

c. Facility Naming Request

Mr. Kenwood stated that we have received a request to name a facility from Dr. Farris specific for Dr. Thomas E Persing. Dr. Persing was a former Superintendent for UPSD; 1974 to 1994. Dr. Farris introduced Dr. Bonekemper who gave a heartwarming briefing on Dr. Persing which included his accomplishments. Ms. Pennepacker also provided information on Dr Persing. It was discussed to have a dedication plaque recognizing him, not renaming the school. Mrs. Cunningham asked if there was a group that would pay for the plaque or was it something the Upper Perk SD would pay for. Dr. Bonekemper suggested it would be something the district would pay for. More research will be done and it will be revisited next meeting.

d. Community Partner Application – UPTC

Mr. Kenwood reported that he received a CPA from the Upper Perk Takedown Club asking that they be recognized as a community partner. They do have a long-standing relationship with the district, but he doesn't believe they meet the definition of a community partner as it is described in policy 707. Mr. Kenwood then read the policy. All were in agreement that the UPTC does not meet the criteria to be recognized as being a community partner at this time.

e. Summer Camp Request – KidzToPros

Mr. Kenwood stated that a few of our schools have been contacted by this organization requesting the use of one or more of our schools to host their summer camp. After doing some research, he found they are a commercial, for-profit organization that hosts summer camps. They currently do not operate in our area and are a full day camp. The District is planning major projects for the summer in addition to deep cleaning. All agreed that the request will be denied.

Ms. Pennepacker asked if there was an update on the exterior cameras. Mr. Kenwood stated that we received the first wave of cameras and have ordered additional cameras. The back-end storage system will need to be upgraded before cameras can be added to the system. A series of steps have been taken by IT to update storage. It is on Mr. Roth's list for this Spring. Once we have the storage upgraded, the cameras will be installed.

Ms. Pennepacker asked if the progress on the Softball Fields stopped because of the detention basin issues. Mr. Kenwood stated that the softball field drainage work cannot commence until the Middle School NPDES permit is terminated. The installation of new bleachers has been started. The scoreboard and netting are also on the upgrade list and have been budgeted for.

Ms. Pennepacker asked if there were any plans to upgrade the lighting. Mr. Kenwood replied stating there were no plans for that at this time. The GESA project looked into it, however the cost of new lighting was prohibitive at this time.

Ms. Pennepacker asked about opening up the track so community members can walk. She mentioned that if we are giving away our facilities to youth groups for free then the senior community members should be able to use the track. Maintenance issues

were brought up, and a suggestion was put forth to install a turn style. Committee concern is for the welfare of the turf field in Keeny stadium.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Cunningham. Motion carried; all voted aye.