

UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

April 15, 2021

The Facility Committee Meeting was held virtually with the following committee members attending: Melanie Cunningham (chairperson), Dr. Allyn Roche, Peg Pennepacker & Dana Hipszer. Others in attendance were: Dr. Andrea Farina, Doug Kenwood.

1. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve the March 18, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried; all voted aye.

2. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Full Day Kindergarten Furnishing

i. Dr. Farina presented a current quote from Corbett Inc. The original budget allowed \$250,000, however, the quote came in at \$163,000. Installation of the case work is included. Corbett surveyed the facility no less than three times and each classroom will be supplied with all essential components, with an emphasis on storage for a class of 25 students. Since the case work had a lead time of 10 weeks, Dr. Farina expressed the need for a quick decision to move forward. All in attendance agreed to move forward noting the possibility of a further drop in cost contingent on some eliminations after polling teachers as to their needs.

b. Energy Performance Contract (GESA) Update

ii. Doug Kenwood updated the committee on installation of the chiller project which provides chilled water for the High School. The original installation deadline of April 19, 2021 is still on target.

iii. Classroom Lighting Retrofit Samples

Installation has been completed and Mr. Kenwood reported that the new lighting has been met with a positive assessment, without incident and was a much-needed improvement.

iii. High School Asbestos Abatement

Tours have been conducted and further engineering work was done in regards to re-routing of piping to avoid an area not planned for abatement. As of this meeting, specifications are under way and Mr. Kenwood asked for line item costs from the company in order to make a final decision to move forward.

c. Kiwanis Use of Facilities Request

Use of the High School and 4/5 Center fields from approximately mid-April through mid-October was explained by representatives from the Kiwanis with some history of past use included. Feedback from the last meeting included a request for a more detailed itemization of their use with times and dates which was subsequently provided. The consensus is the request could be approved with ongoing dialogue and flexibility for school events that might conflict with their requirements. Dr. Roche added re: Policy 707, district use would come first noting impact on facilities. All agreed.

d. Marlborough Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Mr. Kenwood said the playground is very close to completion. There has been a small delay on shipping but so far it is coming along as intended.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. UMJA Illegal Connections Notice

In response to continued solicitor authored letters about illegal connections, UMJA is requesting proof that the school district drainage is not contributing to UMJA's issue with storm water run-off into their sanitary system. Mr. Kenwood is conducting an internal audit and does not expect to find any issues.

b. High School – Primary Voting Location

Instead of the Red Hill Borough the High School was contacted by the MONTCO Board of Elections asking to use our facility. They asked for a full term of use, primary and general elections. All in attendance agreed to this request.

c. Contracted Security Guards RFP

Doug Kenwood says they intend to fill a position vacated by Jim McFadden in July with a permanent employee. He is also investigating the possibility of rates for different tiers of services offered by outside sources. Help is needed with traffic control in the mornings and afternoons and some minimal interim needs. Committee discussion around previous types of uses and what may be required in the future.

d. Middle School Landscaping Warranty Inspection

Facilities is looking at an 18-month warranty inspection that was performed at Middle School grounds. Replanting roughly 30 trees, perhaps more will be needed.

e. Mrs. Cunningham, Bob Kurzweg and Dana Hipszer revealed a prior discussion suggesting a solution to the basketball courts on Walt Rd. and the poor condition they are in. While realizing there is not a lot of leeway in the budget for renovation, Mr. Hipszer asked if there is any kind of upgrading and/or renovation that can be done in the interim to slow deterioration of the courts. Mr. Kenwood said he could certainly look in to some options including some community solicitation.

Mrs. Cunningham asked the committee if there are any other items anyone would like to discuss.

Peg Pennepacker said she would like suggest signage for the new playground at Marlborough Elementary School. Mr. Kenwood said there is signage but he will investigate further. Ms. Pennepacker asked what is the status of the updated cameras? A grant was secured at \$25,000 and Mr. Kenwood is awaiting quotes. Primarily for Hereford, Marlborough and the 4/5 Center. Next year's budget includes the Education Center and the High School for replacement cameras.

George Bonekemper, Upper Hanover Township, commented to the committee asking how the schedule affects the Perkiomen Legion Baseball. That cannot be determined until that organization submits their Request for Use.

Motion to **adjourn the meeting**. Motion carried; all voted aye.