

Minutes

**Board of Education, School Facilities Committee
Special Meeting
Conference Room E
August 17, 2009
6:00 PM**

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Committee Members for quorum: Larry Craybas, Kris Harrison, Jill DeRosa (Alternate)
Board members in attendance: BOE Chairman Bill Kingston
Administration attendees: Dr. Gary Chesley, Robert Germinaro, Supervisor, Facilities Operations

Agenda:

1. Bethel School District "5 Year Capital Expenditure Plan"

- a. Recommended plan fulfills School District's statutory obligation to submit an annual update to its Capital Expenditure Plan to the Town by November 30th
- b. Updated plan to be presented to the full Board of Education on August 20th with the Committee's unanimous recommendation to approve and submit to the Town
- c. This 5 year plan update includes 7 key projects --- four to improve safety within the Educational Park and on the main athletic field adjacent to the renovated High school; one to add a standby emergency power generator to the High School which is the technology nerve center for the School District; and two to improve the usability of two widely used but aging facilities, namely the Middle School Auditorium and the Former Park & Recreation building located between the football and baseball fields.
- d. The Committee will recommend that a special Facilities Study and Evaluation be done on the Districts two oldest schools, Rockwell and Johnson. The number of infrastructure remedies, ADA compliancy issues, outdated support areas (Media Center, cafeteria, electrical service and air quality deficiencies to name a few) require a professional, focused review so priorities can be established. Much of the work that has been identified by the Committee may be eligible for either State grants or Federal School Stimulus funding. The Committee believes the right approach to these aging infrastructure issues is to understand what might first be covered by grant and Stimulus money before the Town begins updating these schools with the Town's limited resources.

2. Bethel School District "Extraordinary Maintenance Schedule"

- a. There are six "maintenance" projects that are now sizable in dollar value. Delay, competing resource priorities, and other more important Town work projects have added to the cost of these lingering maintenance issues. The most critically important item is the weather seal caulking and masonry repairs at the High School. This work was not included in the scope of the Building Renovation Project but it is important that it be done now before weather (rain, and freezing temperatures) cause more serious problems

3. Bethel High School "Security System" Installation Update

- a. Majority of installation to be completed by Friday, August 21st allowing system testing by end of first week of classes, August 28th
- b. Project completed on schedule and under budget

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Submitted by: Larry Craybas, Acting Chairman in Mike Duff's absence