



Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: February 7, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 6:15pm

Members: Attendance:

Mr. Bruce Schubert – Chair – Yes

Mr. Dan Barreiro – Yes

Ms. Annette Johnson – Yes

Mr. Steve Megazzini – Yes

Other Participants – Dr. Jennifer Norrell, Mr. Jesse Vargas

1. Roll Call
2. Public comments
3. 2021 Construction Projects
 - General Update
 - Allowance Reduction
4. 2022 Summer Projects Update
 - Milestone Schedules
 - REC Center
 - Asbestos Abatement Bid Results
5. East Aurora High School Bleacher Replacement
6. Simmons Locker Replacement
7. Chromebook Purchase for 2022-2023 School year (6th, 9th Grade)
8. ERATE Proposal Recommendations
 - Upgrades to Wireless Infrastructure at All Elementary Buildings/FRMA/EAEC/Admin Center
 - Upgrades to Palo Alto Firewalls at Admin Center and EAHS
9. Mastodon Lake Restoration Project
10. Resolution for the Sale of Personal Property
11. Work Orders
12. New Business
13. Adjournment

Public Comments/Questions

None

2021 Construction Projects

Mr. Megazzini reported that the walk in cooler and freezer at Waldo has been received and installed. He also reported that there are just a few punch list items left at each of the buildings, but the district is 95 percent paid up with just a bit of earnest money being held until all of the projects are completed. A few items will not be able to be completed until spring, but the hope is that all is complete by April.

Mr. Megazzini also stated that the packets include the allowance reduction. He reported that 40 percent of the allowance reduction has been used with a few more outstanding pieces, but the belief is that not much more will be used and the amount being given back to the district is above what was expected.

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Mr. Schubert asked what the allowance is attributed to. Mr. Megazzini responded that there is a certain amount that is held per project, and that the scope of these projects was accurately reported and had less opportunities for changes.

2022 Summer Projects Updates

Packets include milestone schedules for the 2022 Summer Projects. Mr. Megazzini reported that the district will be going out to bid for façade repairs at Oak Park and sight improvements around the district including pavement renovations, concrete and sidewalk repairs and blacktop resurfacing.

Work continues with the architects for the Resilience Education Center (REC) with the project going out to bid soon. The packet includes more definition of the scope of the project spaces. Teachers who will be using this space were consulted to ensure the functionality of each area.

The packets contain two asbestos abatement bid results for the window projects at Beaupre and Dieterich and the abatement at the old SSC in order to move forward with the REC project. These bids will go before the full board on February 7th for approval.

EAHS Bleacher Replacement

Mr. Megazzini reported that more information was gathered regarding the Bleacher Replacement at the High School. Wooden bleachers can be purchased for a lower price for the east and west sides of the gymnasium, but would not provide any emblem like the plastic ones can. He also reported that the “R” section used mainly for the alumni would be provided with plastic seats with a back for better comfort.

Mr. Megazzini reported that prices have increased since estimates were received a few years ago and with material prices very high right now the question is whether the district wants to move forward or not. Mr. Barreiro asked about the current bleachers being prohibitive to hosting certain events to which Mr. Megazzini replied that since they are not ADA compliant, the district is restricted from hosting any state events. He also reported that while the bleachers are safe, they are old and break down often. Mr. Barreiro commented that this would just be going out to bid, to which Mr. Megazzini stated that there are two options: to go out to bid which would mean the project would not be completed until summer 2023, or order from the coop. In order for this project to be completed in the summer of 2022, the bleachers would need to be purchased via the coop. Mr. Schubert asked for clarification regarding the difference between going out to bid or going through the cooperative. He also asked about the difference in longevity and maintenance issues with the wooden bleachers versus the plastic bleachers.

Ms. Johnson inquired about how the bleachers are moved in and out to which Mr. Megazzini replied that they are motorized not manual. She also asked as to whether there were any major problems with them, and Mr. Megazzini replied that they are old and as they break down they require maintenance mechanic or outside contractors to repair. Ms. Johnson asked if this is something that could wait a year, and Mr. Megazzini replied that it could. Mr. Barreiro expressed that perhaps prices will go down soon. Ms. Johnson commented that prices are at an all-time high, and while the state’s bidding process isn’t ideal, she does believe that prices have peaked and will perhaps come down some. Mr. Barreiro expressed his concern for the high prices and that perhaps the project should be put off. Mr. Schubert asked about where someone with ADA accommodations are currently seated to which Mr. Megazzini replied that such spectators are seated on the gymnasium floor. It was decided that the project would be put off for a year.



Simmons Locker Replacement

Mr. Megazzini reported that there are not enough lockers in the 6th and 7th grade hallways and the students have to travel to the 8th grade hallway to use lockers. The district would like to replace the large lockers with 300 double lockers to accommodate 600 students. Mr. Schubert asked if these lockers are the same as what are in other schools. Mr. Megazzini reported that they are the same as in the 8th grade hallway at Simmons, but that there are not similar lockers at the other schools. Mr. Schubert also asked if there had been any major issues with the current lockers. Mr. Megazzini replied that the administrators had not reported any.

Mr. Megazzini reported that this was a similar situation with the bleachers at the high school where if the district goes out to bid it will be the summer of 2023 before the project is complete, but if the lockers are purchased through the coop, the project could be in conjunction with the other 2022 summer projects being completed at Simmons.

Ms. Johnson asked if there were safety issues or discipline issues associated with the lack of lockers. Mr. Megazzini replied that the Assistant Principal would prefer to have the students in their own hallway, but have been scheduling students to work around having all the kids in the hallways at the same time. Ms. Johnson proposed waiting for another year.

Chromebook Purchase

Mr. Megazzini reported that there is an opportunity to purchase Chromebooks for the 2022-23 school year to issue to 6th and 9th graders to continue with the plan to provide Chromebooks to all of the middle and high school students.

Mr. Schubert asked for a report of how many devices have been purchased over the past few years. Dr. Norrell stated that that would be made available. Mr. Megazzini stated that the goal with switching to Chromebooks was better compatibility with programs used by the district. He also stated that the iPads purchased in the last year were for elementary students. Mr. Schubert asked about a large purchase for staff to which Dr. Norrell replied that those were purchased with digital equity ESSER dollars for that purchase. The district will also be using the digital equity ESSER dollars to purchase the Chromebooks.

ERATE Proposal Recommendations

Mr. Megazzini reported that ERATE dollars would be used to upgrade the wireless Infrastructure at the elementary buildings, Fred Rogers Magnet Academy and Admin Center as well as upgrading the firewalls at the Admin Center and the High School. He explained that the process involves applying for the funding and once approved and the projects are completed, the district will be reimbursed for part of their costs. For the wireless upgrade the district will be reimbursed \$348,000 of the \$392,000 it would cost for the project, and for the firewall upgrade the district would be reimbursed \$129,000 of the \$181,000.

Mastodon Lake Restoration Project

Mr. Megazzini reported that the City of Aurora is doing some renovation and revitalization of Mastodon Lake and has asked the school district to grant an easement over the portion of the multiuse path that is located on the district's property. This property is located behind Gates Elementary. Approval will be asked of the full board as part of the Superintendent's report during the February 7th meeting. A contractor from the project has also reached out to get permission to store some of their equipment on this property. Mr. Schubert asked about the purpose of the easement on this property to which Mr. Megazzini replied that the city wishes to dredge part of the pond there to make it more eco-friendly and reduce flooding.



Resolution Authorizing the Sale/Recycle of Person Property

Mr. Megazzini reported that the district wishes to dispose of the trailer that sits at the old SSC. The hope is to sell it in order not to have to pay to have it removed before the renovation begins on the SSC.

Work Orders

Work continues with Maintenance Mechanics and Firepersons to complete these orders.

New Business

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.