



### **Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting**

Meeting Date: June 6, 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

1. Roll Call
2. Public comments
3. Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing School Safety & Security
4. 2022 Summer Projects Update
  - HVAC Project Chiller Equipment Update
  - REC Update
    - Plans
  - Domeier Renovation Bid Results
  - Construction Schedule
  - Allowance Reduction Report
5. Krug Elementary Playground Proposal
6. Gates Retaining Wall Update
7. Crisis Response Update
  - Reunification Kit
8. ERATE Funding Recap
9. Request for PM Building Engineer at High School
10. Committee Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2022-23
11. Work Orders
12. New Business
13. Adjournment

### **Public Comments/Questions**

None

### **2022 Summer Projects Updates**

Mr. Megazzini reported that the classrooms had been cleared out in order for the abatement process to begin in the buildings receiving HVAC updates. Roofing materials are on target to be received and installed on time. Window replacements and sprinkler projects are on time as well. Updates will continue through the summer.

REC Center update: The district has attended 2 of the 4 planning/zoning meetings with the City of Aurora, with the remaining two meetings being attended within the next week. There has been positive feedback from city officials so far. The packet includes revised designs from Cordogan & Clark which include input from students and teachers who will utilize this facility. The design also reflects a revision to how the roof will look that will reflect the surrounding neighborhood better. Once the final meetings are complete, the demolition will begin. Bids will be received for the actual construction this summer.

Bids results for the Domeier project are included in the packet with the results being brought before the full board on June 13<sup>th</sup> for approval. Both the Aurora Fire Department and Kane County Regional Office of

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Education were consulted to be sure they had an understanding of the purpose for this building, and both were accepting of the district's plans.

Packets include the summer construction schedule which is monitored weekly to be sure that all projects are on time and budget. The packets also contain the allowance reduction reports.

### **Krug Elementary Playground Proposal**

As discussed at the May 16 BOE, the playground at Krug was destroyed. The concern is for the new playground equipment to be installed by the time school starts in August 2022. Cunningham Recreation was consulted, and the new equipment will fit in the current footprint. The committee approved the request be moved to the full board later that evening for approval in order for the equipment to be received and installed in time for the start of the new school year.

### **Gates Retaining Wall**

Mr. Megazzini thanked Mr. Jesse Vargas for answering an early morning call from the Aurora Police on May 29 regarding an SUV driving through the retaining wall at Gates Elementary. A claim was filed with insurance, and BAC was brought in to board up the hole while architects and contractors are consulted to repair/replace the wall. There is a concern regarding matching the current bricks. Information will be presented at the July Committee Meeting with the hope of having the wall repaired/replaced before the new school year begins.

### **Crisis Response Kit**

Work continues with AJ Kawash, Assistant Director of Buildings and Grounds and Kevin Jenkins, School Safety and Security Manager in conjunction with the "I love you guys" Foundation to plan and prepare for a crisis in the district. Reunification Kits are being put together to help organize the process of reuniting the parents with their students. The kits include wristbands, caution tape, name tags, and a binder of job descriptions to aid staff in the process. Training and walk throughs will commence this summer. A sample of the kit was available for the committee members to examine. More information will be shared during the executive session.

### **ERATE Funding Recap**

Mr. Megazzini gave an update on the ERATE Funding stating that to date we have spent \$ 888,000. The category 2 budget of \$2.1 million has \$1.4 million remaining. The district continues to work to use these funds for networking equipment and upgrades. 85-90 percent of these funds will be reimbursed.

### **Request for PM Building Engineer at High School**

The district is requesting the addition of one full time Building Engineer at the High School in order for there to be supervisory coverage in the building during both the AM and PM shifts. Previously, there was a Building and Grounds Supervisor stationed at the High School, but there were continuous concerns about that person doing "union work". The committee did not object to this request being brought before the full board during their June 13 meeting.

### **Committee Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Dates were submitted for the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting. There was some discussion regarding the start time of the meeting. The Finance Committee will meet at 5:30pm with the Buildings and Grounds Committee then meeting at 6pm or later if needed.

### **Work Orders**

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



**New Business**

Mr. Megazzini expressed his gratitude to the Committee for allowing the district to utilize Narnia Energy advisors for natural gas supply. This program allowed the district to lock in a price of 37 cents a therm, which has now gone up to 72 cents a therm saving the district \$375,000 over the course of the last year.

Mr. Schubert expressed the Committee's appreciation of Mr. Megazzini's service to the District during his tenure as Assistant Superintendent of Operations.

**Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing School Safety and Security**

**Reconvene Regular Session**

All above mentioned members still in attendance.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.