



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date: March 1, 2021

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 PM

Members: Attendance:

Mr. Bruce Schubert, - Chair - Yes

Mr. Dan Barreiro - Yes

Ms. Annette Johnson – Yes

Mr. Steve Megazzini - Yes

Other Participants:

Dr. Jennifer Norrell, Andrew Allen, Jesse Vargas, Cordogan Clark – Craig Welter, John Cordogan, Richard Blair

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 - General Update
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7. Recreational Lease Agreement between East Aurora School District 131 and Commonwealth Edison (Early Childhood Center)
8. District Technology Plan Update
 - ERATE Proposal for fiber connections
 - ERATE Proposal for upgrade of wireless access points at selected schools
9. Work Orders
10. Incident Report
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

Public Comments/Questions

None



2021 Construction Projects

General Update

Mr. Megazzini reported work is continuing at Waldo. At Allen, the Trane equipment has been ordered and the abatement process is scheduled to take place in the Spring and into the Summer. Trane equipment has been ordered for Krug and the abatement process began over winter break and is expected to finish up in the Spring/Summer. Abatement at Waldo is completed with the exception of the Band Room on the 4th floor and is expected to begin the process this week and should take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete with the LRC and boiler area will follow. The boilers have been shut down with temporary heat. The inside of the boiler will be tested to determine if abatement needs to take place. This is an alternate on the project and if no abatement is needed, the District would receive a credit. Meetings continue as a group weekly to review safety concerns and the scheduling process. The schedule for Waldo is continuing to work on target and the mechanicals have been ordered and are expected in the Spring.

Field Reports

Mr. Megazzini referred to the field reports. He reported included in the report is log work and pictures for the work taking place at Waldo. Mr. Megazzini reported also included is a schedule for all the 2021 Construction Projects including the Adventures Program, EAHS Roof Deck Repair for the Summer, EAHS Sprinkler Phase 2 and Door Replacements expected to take place in the Spring. The door project will not have any influence on student learning. He also added, Troop Contracting has pointed out that several classrooms have chalk or cork boards which will interfere with the chase fall. A remedy is being worked on and Mr. Megazzini will provide further updates as more information is obtained.

New Administrative Office Update

General Update/Field Report/Schedule

Mr. Megazzini reported Mr. Jason Hernandez is the new Superintendent on site from Conrad. The District is very pleased with Mr. Hernandez progress. He has provided a schedule for what still needs to be completed at the New Administrative Office. The schedule includes photos as well as punch list items that are being worked through. Mr. Schubert questioned if there are any items on the listing that would prevent occupancy. Mr. Megazzini responded the drain tile process is still under discussion. There are some finishes being looked at with some of the pieces being historical. Some of the doors appear to be hollow and are not as secure as the District would like. The project is moving in the right direction and is looking to get some resolution in March.

Security System

Mr. Megazzini reported the District went out for a Security System RFQ as a whole for the District, including the New Administrative Office. The RFQ's were due today and a total of 7 were received. After review, the proposal will be brought back to the next meeting to move forward with a recommendation. The wires have been run for the camera system in the New Administrative Office and are looking to add the cameras and the software that will be used. This is an opportunity to overhaul the security system throughout the District. Mr. Schubert questioned the approval of few years back from Imperial Surveillance. Mr. Megazzini responded that in 2017 Imperial added the camera system to locations and since that time, Imperial has not provided a lot of follow up and



servicing to the District. The 2017 version of the software is becoming outdated and would like to see if there are more user friendly options.

Adventures Program General Update

General Update/Field Report

Mr. Megazzini reported the Adventures Program had a slight setback with the weather in February and is now back on track. The security/safety fence is up and site cleaning, underground utilities are moving forward as weather permits. Concrete work is nearing completion and the structural steel has been fabricated and expected in three weeks. The packet includes the full schedule as well as a 3 week schedule. Mr. Megazzini also referred to the field report with photos in the packet.

Playground Equipment

Quotes are included from 3 vendors for playground equipment for K-5th grade including sensory items to support student needs. This included a rubberized surface and installation of equipment. Sourcewell contact 030117-LSI to NuToys Leisure Products in the amount of \$146,774.00 is being recommended for approval at the next Board meeting in March. Committee agreed to move forward with recommendation.

2020 Mechanical Project Completion Update

Mr. Megazzini reported the 2020 Mechanical Project punch list tally is included with week to week punch list items. Some are weather related and uninvent pieces are still outstanding. The project is nearing completion.

Recreational Lease Agreement between East Aurora School District 131 and Commonwealth Edison (Early Childhood Center)

Mr. Megazzini reported a lease agreement between East Aurora School District 131 and Commonwealth Edison is included. Approximately 9 months ago the lease had expired to use the playground at the Early Childhood Center on the ComEd right away land. The agreement includes a no charge to use the land for a 10 year period. Mr. Megazzini would like to move to Full Board this evening for approval. Committee agreed to move forward. Mr. Schubert questioned if the attorney reviewed and the property was found acceptable for use of a playground. Mr. Megazzini responded the attorney has viewed the lease and soil testing was completed and accepted by ComEd.

District Technology Plan Update

Mr. Andrew Allen, Executive Director of Information Systems, CIO spoke to the Committee regarding a Technology Plan developed from a framework used in 2016-17. The framework is divided into important areas such as student related, staff related and infrastructure related programs going forward to make East Aurora a better place. Items touched on were chrome book purchases, reorganization of devices for better management, staff laptops and smartboard replacements along with back end infrastructure things to make EA more resilient such as internet connections, appropriate backups and other processes that need to be in place. Mr. Allen also spoke regarding the ERATE proposal for WAN (wide area network) and moving away from Comcast and moving toward a different provider that will



significantly save cost, make the District for scalable and resilient due to being a private fiber network. The wireless access point project for Cowherd, Waldo, Simmons and EAHS will be updated with more modern wireless that is faster, and identify clients and see issues with individual devices down to the user. Because of the new technology in the devices, the internet speeds should increase and allow more manageability. The District is currently working with Peters and Associates.

Mr. Megazzini presented the recommendation per ERate Guidelines, with MNW Telecom for Leased Lit Fiber services beginning June 1, 2022. The contract will be pending approval and review from ERate. The cost is \$7,925.00 per month, in which we would be reimbursed 90% monthly through ERate. We currently are paying \$35,673.53 per month through Comcast which we get reimbursed 90%.

Mr. Megazzini presented the recommendation per ERate Guidelines with Qubit Networks for the upgrade of the wireless infrastructure at EAHS, Cowherd, Simmons and Waldo over summer 2021. The contract will be pending approval and review from ERate. The cost is \$226,665.55 and the district will be reimbursed 90% if approved through ERate process.

Work Orders

Mr. Megazzini reported the updated work order packet is included. Work orders are continuing with working on projects, pop up items and day to day items.

Incident Report

Mr. Megazzini reported there are a couple buildings that had some leaks due to snow freezing on the gutters. Issues have been resolved.

Mr. Schubert questioned if the District has the snow equipment needed. Mr. Megazzini responded the snow equipment is sufficient, however there is a need for a new dump truck and will bring forward to Committee once quotes are received.

Meeting adjourned 6:32 pm