

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2006
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: **Committee:** Chairperson Carol DeLuca, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and Mr. Robert Moldoff
Absent: Mr. Richard Carpenter

Board: Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro

Administration: Mrs. Merle Horowitz

Press: 0

Audience: 1

Ms. DeLuca opened the meeting at 6:30pm, welcomed all in attendance and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Mrs. Galbraith made a motion and seconded by Mr. Moldoff to approve the minutes.

Ms. DeLuca stated that the minutes are approved.

Approval of Present Agenda Items

Mr. Moldoff stated that he would like to add a summer project update.

Mr. Gasior stated that he would like to add a phone system update and an elevator shaft update.

Mrs. Galbraith made a motion and seconded by Mr. Moldoff to approve the agenda as modified.

Ms. DeLuca stated that the agenda as amended is approved.

FACILITIES

- **Report on the Status of the Grounds Maintenance Garage**

Mr. Gasior handed out a schedule showing the delays due to weather and a new completion date. The sprinklers will be installed by mid-November. The interior will be completed with our own staff which will probably go into December.

- **Discussion Regarding Lockers for Paxon Hollow.**

Mr. Gasior stated that a request was submitted for additional lockers at Paxon Hollow. At present we have 15 empty units. A minimum of 6 empty was discussed that would trigger the possibility of purchasing additional units. This would take 4 to 6 weeks for delivery and then installation if they were needed.

- **Discussion regarding the Hockey Rink renovation/lease**

Mr. Gasior stated that he spoke to the township and told them that he would like to see the fence area painted. The area that will be leased to the township will be 150 feet across the front and 190 feet back. The township said that they needed 25,000 square feet total area. I suggest that we give them 28,500 square feet. This will give them the adjacency around the rink so that we don't have to maintain it.

Mr. Moldoff asked if this will block the access paths up through the woods.

Mr. Gasior replied no.

Mr. Moldoff stated that it would be nice if we could ask them to light that path because that area has been troublesome in the past.

Mr. Gasior replied that he would talk to the township about it.

Mrs. Galbraith made a motion to authorize and direct the Board President to execute the lease agreement with Marple Township as presented.

Ms. DeLuca stated that this motion would be brought to the full Board this month.

- **Motion: To approve change order for additional roofing work at the High School. Cost is \$5127.00. The additional work is within the budget approved.**

Mr. Gasior stated that this change order is well within the allotment that the Board approved several months ago. Some of the membrane of the power pit and the flashing was damaged due to the rain and was not evident prior to us going out to bid. Anytime you penetrate the roof, we have to have Carlyle in to do the inspection and use Carlyle approved products.

Mrs. Galbraith made a motion and seconded by Mr. Moldoff to approve the change order for additional roofing work at the High School. Cost is \$5,127.00. The additional work is within the budget approved.

Ms. DeLuca stated that this motion would be brought to the full Board.

- **Summer Work**

Mr. Gasior stated that there was no way that all summer work could have been completed because of the staffing that he had. I lost a full-time HVAC person. We are searching very hard to find someone. I have interviewed approximately six. We continue to have air conditioning problems constantly.

Mr. Moldoff stated that he knows there are bundles of fence in the school and that was not installed during the summer.

Mr. Gasior replied that is right. We own the fence. We need to buy the posts. My budget has been spent. There wasn't sufficient money to do the fence. When time allows, we will try to get that done. We had more painting done this year than we had done in years in just about all buildings.

Mr. Moldoff stated that he is concerned about the potential of kids running down the street after balls.

- **Phone System Update**

Mr. Gasior stated that we are getting the final paperwork together for the leasing company. GST was not able to order equipment until the leasing documents were in place. We are still on schedule of having this put in within a week or so. This will be done basically after school and on weekends. We will be bringing in secretaries and whoever else wants to attend and will train them on the phone system in Room 112.

Mr. Moldoff suggested providing a laminated "cheat sheet" of the commonly used things.

Mr. Gasior replied that he talked to the consultant about that and they will provide that for us.

- **Elevator Shaft**

Mr. Gasior stated that the second oldest elevator in the district is at the High School. The cables have never been changed. We are going to need pullies and cables. They will be doing this work during an in-service day. This is a "must do". We don't want frayed cables. The estimate that I got was a total of \$16,530.00. They will warranty the cable and the pullies for one year.

Dr. Shapiro asked if the shaft wearing out is premature in Mr. Gasior's judgment. Is it under warranty of any sort?

Mr. Gasior replied that we are having a difficult time buying parts and replacing electrical boards because a lot of it was bought in parts through buy-outs. The shafts because of the way that the bearings were installed are not balanced correctly.

Mr. Moldoff stated that if these were inspected on a yearly basis then it should have been recommended last year so that we were not in an emergency situation.

Mr. Gasior agreed. It sometime depends on the guys doing the inspection. This is the first time that they recommended replacing these items.

Mr. Gasior stated that a motion is not necessary. This is just informational.

Mr. Moldoff stated that it is troubling that this came out with no warning. Is it time to call in another company?

TRANSPORTATION

Report on Transportation

Mr. Gasior stated that transportation went relatively well with two new employees in that department. We have had quite a few door-to-door requests. I have taken a look at several of them and we have made changes. This is the last year of our lease buy-back program. I am working with Brightbill. The transportation department

has worked many hours to get routes shortened as much as possible and lessened the number of stops to conserve fuel. Going to the corner has upset some people. It seems like we are getting more and more children that are requiring one bus and one driver going to one separate school. I have worked with Bill Duffy on this. We have had to make adjustments because some parents complain that their child is on the bus too long. Next year, we may have to buy vans which we will be better off with the special needs group of children.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. DeLuca adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Welsh, Secretary to the Board.