

Capital Committee Meeting

November 18, 2020

Attendees via Zoom: Ronald Broas, Marie Johnson, John Lumia, Michael McFarland, Cheryl Migatz, Robert Rubin, John Sharkey (Rhinebeck Architecture), Eddy Sloshower and Antonietta St. George

Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the minutes from the October 14, 2020 meeting.

Approval of New Community Member to the Capital Committee

The Committee unanimously approved Michael McFarland to be a Committee member.

Michael McFarland has lived in the community of Wappinger Falls for 18 years. Previously, he was a Technical Trainer for the Local Union 638, an HVAC Educator and owned his own business in New York City as a HVAC Mechanical Contractor for 25 years.

Myers Corners Elementary Playground

The committee is getting inquiries from the Myers Corners Community again regarding their playground. The playground will cost anywhere from \$20,000 and \$30,000. Myers Corners Elementary has expressed a need for a new playground for years. If the district can find extra money from the completed projects, they will look into at least an expansion project of the playground.

Fishkill Elementary Parking Lot Expansion

The district was able to find extra money and do a parking lot expansion at Fishkill Elementary School. Ron Broas updated the committee that the majority of the item is down for the first layer; they will be laying the 2nd layer of fabric and the remainder of the item. The black top should be complete by Friday, 11/20. By the next meeting, this project should be completed.

Energy Performance Project (Ameresco)

Ron Broas gave an update on the energy performance project. The installation of the new kitchen equipment is now complete. Ameresco is currently changing out fluorescent bulbs to LED lights throughout the district. They have completed Roy C. Ketcham High School and will be going to Myers Corners Elementary next. The solar panels are in their warehouse they're just waiting for the frames and hopefully that'll start soon. Exterior lighting in all the parking lots will begin as soon as material is delivered.

Capital Projects and Punch Lists Phases 1 & 2

John Sharkey from Rhinebeck Architecture updated the committee on all the phases of the capital projects. The \$33 Million Project Phase 1, window work is complete, they are waiting on closeout documentation. Phase II, the HVAC work is completed at Roy C. Ketcham, Myers Corners and John Jay Administration. There is final programming and minor punch list items to be completed; the change of weather is affecting the programming. The chase work was originally scheduled to be done next summer, but they have arranged to have the work done on the 2nd shift, this will help meet the deadline.

Ron Broas explained the HVAC Project to the committee; the steam heat is being removed from the two high schools and is being converted to hydronic heating. At John Jay, they are currently running exhaust fan ductwork, working on four classrooms at a time, they are running some of the heating pipe. The weight room steel for the roof curbs have been installed for the new units.

The committee has requested that the district website is up-to-date with the information for the community. Marie Johnson is working on removing blueprints that have been posted on social media. Floor plans on several of the schools have been posted on social media; this is a safety issue.

Update on Wappingers Junior High School Bus Garage

Ron Broas reviewed the Wappingers Junior High Bus Garage renovations project with the committee. The bus garage was remodeled in-house by the F&O staff. A new parts department was developed where the parts are scanned in for more efficient inventory; then they're scanned out when needed. Part of the bus garage was converted into an archive room; the current archive room is located in a steam tunnel of the boiler room at the Wappingers Junior High. Having a clean, temperature-controlled archive room will safeguard the district's documents. The bus garage rooftop units have been ordered, as soon as they are delivered, the contractor will begin to install. This includes the two rooftop units for the archive room and the bus garage. No work is being done until the units are onsite. Ron updated the committee that the district is providing all new radios for the school buses, they are being installed during Christmas break. All the school buses will have GPS to give a better handle on the buses.

2021 School Projects

New project planning for 2021 depends on what money the district has left. The work in Phase 2 should be completed by September 2021, except for punch list items and close-out documents, these should be completed by the end of December. If the district has some money left in the budget, they plan to address some of the minor issues throughout the district.

Eddy Sloshower asked if anyone had any questions or topics they wish to bring up for discussion. He stated that there have been inquiries regarding donating PPE to the district, including children's face masks. Eddy Sloshower thanked Ron Broas for repairing the district office boiler and air conditioning unit and thanked everyone for all their hard work this past year; despite all the ups and downs that are being dealt with.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06am

Next Meeting Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 9:30am