

ATTENDANCE:

Mr. David Freedman, Board of Education
Ms. Kathy Hamilton, Board of Education

Dr. Joseph Erardi, NPS Superintendent
Mr. Ron Bienkowski, Director of Business
Mr. Gino Faiella, Director of Operations
Mr. Christopher Moretti, Hawley School Principal
Mr. Chuck Boos
Mr. Bob Mitchell
3 Members of the Public

- **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Education CIP/Facilities/Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

- **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Aaron Cox, 33 Pond Brook Road, thanked the group for having the meeting in the afternoon. In his opinion, he does not feel it is necessary to bring Hawley School into ADA compliance since it is "grandfathered". Mr. Cox said he feels we should save the expense and ADA compliance for Hawley School should be in our long-range planning. Mr. Cox said he feels the immediate needs for Hawley School are the roof and a heating ventilation system. Air conditioning and an elevator could be added at a later date.

- **APPROVED MINUTES**

Minutes from August 27, 2015 meeting were tabled.

- **COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Freedman said they were there to discuss the Hawley School HVAC CIP, boiler and new roof.

Mr. Faiella asked Mr. Chuck Boos to walk the committee through the progress of the Hawley School project and concerns to the ADA compliance. Mr. Boos said the original project defined by Building and Site was not implemented entirely. The project was altered to include the HVAC part. When the boiler room was reconfigured for space in the 1921 building piping was installed. The new boiler room going ahead would be to remove

the abandoned tank and install a supplemental boiler in the 1921 building along with a new hot water radiation system. Steam would have to be abandoned and removed. The number Mr. Faiella received from the consulting engineer did not include mechanical ventilation for the school. The initial study completed included the demolition of the cafeteria and/or auditorium. These rooms would be replaced with grade level rooms designed to fit on the existing site. A double-sided elevator would be installed and the staircases would flank the existing multipurpose room. The construction period for these changes would be one year and one summer. Temporary classrooms would be needed for the school year.

Mr. Freedman said the elevator was needed to be ADA compliant. The elevator would provide accessibility to all three floors. Ms. Hamilton asked if the elevator was required if we do not demolish the cafeteria. Mr. Faiella said the elevator would be required.

Dr. Erardi asked if we did part of the project and not address ADA compliance would that compromise State reimbursement. Mr. Boos said State reimbursement has to be completely ADA compliant. Mr. Mitchell said if we change the building's footprint then we have to be ADA compliant.

Ms. Hamilton said when this project left the hands of the Board of Education a long time ago the base project was to fix the boilers, adding phase two ventilation and phase three, if needed, adding air conditioning. The order of the work was to start with the 1921 building so ventilation would not be an issue if teachers needed to close their classroom windows because of road noise. Ms. Hamilton's biggest concern is this project has been done backwards. Ms. Hamilton said the reason we want to take a step back is to relook at it. Why would we take out the new cafeteria and redesign? How do we get this project back on track?

Mr. Mitchell said all maintenance upgrades changed in the low grade area up because of the boiler. Electrical feed became its own phase. Any additional phases can be separated out. He did reiterate that changing classroom configuration can trigger ADA compliance. Regular maintenance does not trigger ADA compliance. HVAC might be State reimbursable if the boiler failed.

Dr. Erardi asked at what point the project become a State reimbursement project. Mr. Mitchell said if we put new things in and upgrade the academic site. Mr. Boos said if you are not going for reimbursement for the boiler you can test for viability in going forth in the HVAC. You will get reimbursement if you make it code compliant. Mr. Boos said the State could come in and say make the building ADA compliant with code and fire. The State does not give money if not code compliant.

Mr. Boos said the roof replacement could be a separate project and does not trigger any other issues. The roof project would be eligible for State reimbursement.

Ms. Hamilton asked if the HVAC is separate from a ventilation system. Mr. Boos said if you put ventilation in the only thing lacking is a compressor or machine that would go

through the same duct work. Mrs. Hamilton asked if the size of the duct work would have to be bigger. Mr. Boos said the duct work is the same size. The cost would be tearing out the ceiling.

Ms. Hamilton said at one time we considered a ductless split system. Mr. Boos said this is not part of the decision. He said some of these systems are noise generating and there are rules about noise in the classroom.

Mr. Mitchell asked about ventilation and adding the compressor or machine later. Mr. Boos said it may affect the electrical service. Ms. Hamilton said the electrical upgrade was already done.

Mr. Freedman asked if ripping out the ceiling and walls would affect the HVAC. Mr. Boos said you can certainly do a ventilation system for the 1948 building over the summer. The 1921 building would be a matter of finding the room and wall penetration would have to be an over the summer project. Mr. Boos said the project should go out to bid five to six month ahead of time. A lot of work has to happen before the project starts.

Mr. Faiella asked if the old boiler has to be removed to upgrade HVAC. Mr. Boos said the room needs to be completely cleaned out.

Ms. Hamilton asked where we go from here. Mr. Freedman said we need to take this information and think about where we are going to move with this project and have more discussions depending on the outcome of the discussions on school closings. Mr. Freedman said the CIP process starts around February.

Dr. Erardi asked if anything was needed from the Board of Education. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Boos will come up with prices after they come up with the new phases. Mr. Freedman asked if we can go out to year five then we will be able to know the unknown over the next few years regarding the schools. Ms. Hamilton said the roof is the number one project and the boiler for the 1921 section is number two. Mr. Faiella said he would like to get both projects done sooner rather than later. Dr. Erardi said the roof project is a standalone project and could qualify for State reimbursement. The boiler does not qualify for State reimbursement because it is a maintenance project. If the project was done independently the boiler would not qualify but if it were part of the bigger project it would qualify for State reimbursement.

Mr. Faiella will work with Mr. Mitchell to get pricing for duct work and the HVAC system. If duct work is done we will need electrical upgrades. Mr. Mitchell said each would have to be a separate package. Ms. Hamilton asked what happened with the concept to see if we need the air conditioning system. Mr. Mitchell said we can wait but we would then think about doing the air compressors separately. Ms. Hamilton asked why the air conditioning is State reimbursable. Mr. Boos said it is reimbursable because it is a code upgrade. Mr. Boos said we could go for it and see what happens. Mr. Mitchell said the air conditioning is the only way to correct humidity.

- **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Aaron Cox, 33 Pond Brook Road, asked the committee if there was a way for someone to meet with him to understand when ADA compliance has to be done. Dr. Erardi said he and Mr. Faiella would meet with Mr. Cox.

Mrs. Susan Burbank, 22 Old Green Road, asked the committee if the electrical system could be upgraded now so air conditioning could be place in classrooms. Mr. Faiella said the upgrade has been done but it is difficult to wire Hawley School.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Ms. Hamilton and second by Mr. Freedman was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. All in Favor

Submitted: David Freedman, CIP/Finance/Facilities Committee Chair