

North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200
Minutes of the Joint Business Services & Facilities Committee Meeting
District Office
6248 North Boone School Road
Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065
Wednesday, September 15, 2021
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Brian Haselhorst at 6:00 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Chad Cunningham, Joe Haverly, Mary Maxey, Melissa Geyman, Dr. Greenlee, Kelly Holsker, Jake Hubert, Tom Kinser, Ed Mulholland, Jim Nolen and Nancy Schilling, Dean Schultz, Greg Stahler, Heather Walsh. Absent: Kelly Hanaman and Mary Piskie. Also Present: Judy Hutchinson, Dan McCurdy (Amsco Engineering) and Becky Self.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(none)

CAPRON PARKING LOT

Mr. Stahler noted drawings for the CES lot were done about 4-5 weeks ago and were submitted to the Village of Capron. The Village had hired a storm water consultant, and responded that everything look good. The drawings were also sent informationally to IDOT as a courtesy. IDOT said they are in the middle of a re-design of Highway 173, and are wanting to ask for an easement of 10' of property where our detention is located. This has put a stop to the project as we have to satisfy IDOT before the Village and ROE approve. The District and IDOT need to talk about the project, to confirm we have no issue in giving them a 10' easement. IDOT has been very easy to work with, and may alter their design, which could work around our project. Work could start in the spring if we had all the permitting and bids completed in the fall. IDOT wants a full permit but providing that to them is not required. We can go to full permit with the current plan, and it would be just informational to IDOT.

Without objection, the Joint Committee agreed with keeping the current plans and giving IDOT a 10' easement.

BUS PARKING LOT

Mr. Stahler stated there was a bid opening today. There were three bids with \$548K for the base bid being the low bid. He noted all the stone has to come off in order to dig deeper, but the soil borings showed the bearing capacity of soil is very good.

Mr. Stahler will review bids and we will upload all the bids on Monday for Board approval. Ms. Geyman will verify the original budget numbers for the parking lot.

DISTRICT HVAC PROJECT

This past summer, Mr. Stahler, Jim Nolen, Dean Schultz and Dan McCurdy from Amsco Engineering toured all the facilities to look at the mechanical systems in order to assess the condition and look at code violations and issues. The goal was to put together a master plan. They determined ventilation and filtration should be a priority. The summary chart will give a road map of where each building stands. Per Mr. McCurdy, some of the findings include: At CES, univents are usually good for 20-25 years, and ours are at 50-60 years old. The recommendation was to get rid of the old units. At MES, univents are in similar condition and age to those at CES, and the lower level and library don't have any ventilation. The MS is a typical design of 1950's building in that there is not mechanical ventilation in the building. One recommendation is to add a univent to each classroom. PGE has a bit of everything, and also has a section with old univents. UE is in pretty good shape for filtration.

Mrs. Schilling said the minutes said we approved \$800K and not we are now at \$5M for the project. Mr. Stahler said \$800K was before we started the master plan. Mrs. Schilling also noticed a \$1,190,000 difference and would like the spreadsheets adjusted. Mr. Stahler said some of the options had changed, based on priority. He will update the spreadsheets to reflect adjustments since the first pass.

Mr. Kinser would like Merv 13 filter compatibility and have air quality up to CDC guidelines. He would also like the District to look for alternative energy grants. Mr. Kinser would like to bring building automation to a central location.

Ms. Geyman prepared a funding sheet showing potential budget items using ESSER money. This included budgeting for HVAC items. Mrs. Schilling suggested getting additional HVAC proposals from other firms. Mrs. Schilling cannot support a \$5M project without looking at the whole picture, including our existing debt. She would like to assess the bonds, as we have borrowed \$27M and are paying back on \$50M. There was no other interest from the Committee members in doing another request for proposal.

Mr. Haselhorst suggested seeing what we could do to get all the high priority items completed, including items from years 1-3 on the HVAC list. Mrs. Maxey agreed we should try to do as much as we can with this ESSER money. Mr. Kinser would like to bring building automation to a central location.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Mrs. Schilling stated we have put zero money into athletic facilities, and we have to start making progress. She understands the HVAC needs, but we cannot keep prioritizing everything else and ignoring our athletic facilities. Mrs. Hutchinson agreed the athletic facilities were out of date. Mr. Haselhorst suggested putting together a subcommittee for all athletic programs.

SOLAR PROJECT

Mr. Haverly asked who will be taking the lead on looking at this project again, including requesting vendor presentations. Mrs. Maxey suggested gathering information at the conference and then asking for presentations, and could investigate which incentives might now be available. It was suggested this topic could be brought back in December or January. Mr. Haverly was interested in seeing our current electric bills. Mr. Kinser said the block program could be generous, and thought we should consider

grant applications. Mr. Stahler said in other districts, once they have received proposals they have used Amsco to make sure the numbers and savings compute and make sense.

DISTRICT FUNDING FOR PROJECTS

A spreadsheet was provided outlining the HVAC projected costs for the next 20 years. Total ESSER grant money of \$2.7M, and local money of \$1.6M could be put toward years 1-3 of the project. Funding was also discussed earlier in the meeting using the figures on this spreadsheet.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(none)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Joint Business Services and Facilities Committee meeting is planned for September 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Brian Haselhorst, Facilities Chair

Mary Maxey, Business Chair