

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education Educational Resources Committee met on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School, 135 Pickett Lane, Durham, Connecticut.

Committee members present: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Geraci and Mr. Moore

Committee members absent: Mrs. Boyle and Mr. Yamartino

Administration present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Neubig, Business Manager

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Augur made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Geraci, to approve the agenda, as presented.

In favor of approving the agenda, as presented: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Geraci and Mr. Moore.

Approval of Minutes - February 14, 2018

Mr. Augur made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Geraci, to approve the minutes of February 14, 2018, as presented.

In favor of approving the minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Geraci and Mr. Moore.

Infrastructure and Capital Planning

Mrs. Neubig reviewed that \$163,000 for track maintenance, turf replacement, baseball warning track and milling and paving the north side of the driveway have been identified as items to delay. She had also taken \$18,000 from the generator, but after considering a public comment made about that being a life safety issue; she took the \$18,000 out of ceiling tiles. All of the priority projects have remained in the budget. These reductions equal the \$181,000 that was taken out of capital for security. The capital is now at \$219,000 as opposed to \$400,000.

Mr. Augur asked if any ceiling tiles have been removed from Korn School for use in other buildings. Mrs. Neubig wasn't sure that could be done.

Mr. Augur also asked what the normal outflow is for construction processes and Mrs. Neubig explained that that it done by contract. Mr. Moore felt that there would be 10 percent payments on a big project or quarterly payments on smaller projects. Mrs. Geraci stated payments are normally negotiated on each

project. Mr. Moore asked Mr. Irish what Middlefield has done and he agreed that progress payments are usually negotiated.

Utilization Financing Process

Dr. Veronesi reported that this will be on the Utilization Committee's agenda, but she wasn't sure of the time line. She also mentioned that she and Mr. Moore met with the First Selectmen this morning and the Town of Durham is hoping to go to referendum on Korn School by November. The awarding of reimbursement could be related to whether or not the District owns Korn School. Mr. Moore reminded everyone that the District would still have to bond the project, regardless of any reimbursement that may be coming, and that would require a referendum.

Mr. Augur believed that the projects would not have to be started until after the next school year and asked if Korn School could be part of the discussion with the State. Dr. Veronesi didn't feel that this would have a significant impact on the date of submission.

Dr. Veronesi reviewed that there were certain time lines to be met to move the project along and they also had to consider the enrollment at Brewster influencing a higher degree of reimbursement. If the June 30th date can't be met, it will be another year. Mr. Augur asked if they could provide historical information on the reimbursement rate and Mrs. Neubig will get that information from the State.

Mr. Moore thought that the Board would have a better idea after the April 25th meeting as to the time line. Dr. Veronesi mentioned that the Strong School play is being held in the auditorium on April 25th, 26th and 27th, so they will have to find a new location or another date for the meeting. Mr. Augur suggested holding the meeting in the Strong School gym. Dr. Veronesi suggested they finalize the date tomorrow so something can go out to parents right away.

DBS: Solar and Lighting

Mrs. Neubig reviewed that DBS had been asked to break out their proposal between the high school and the solar and they have done that. None of this has been included in the budget. The payback is from six to eight years, however \$8,000 per year could be saved by installing a non-District-owned system at Brewster as it would not include any up-front expenses.

Mr. Augur asked about how roof damage, etc. was handled in that type of situation and Mrs. Neubig stated that DBS does have insurance. The District does do business with DBS at Lyman. Mr. Moore also noted that the Brewster roof was designed for this type of installation, but had not been approved. This would mean that the District purchases their electricity from DBS and they would lease the roof space. There is no timeframe where the equipment reverts to the District, but Mrs. Neubig was not sure if there was a minimum timeframe. She will follow up with DBS.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Mrs. Geraci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Augur, to adjourn the meeting.

In favor of adjourning the meeting: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Geraci and Mr. Moore.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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