

HES Building Improvement Committee

Date: July 5, 2017

Present: Joe Boggio, Jim O'Malley, Jason Sisko, Al Putnam, Steve Fecto, Wayne Woolridge, James MacDonell, Jeana Woodbury, Deb Carrier, Kaylah Hemlow and Sean Lee, Courtney Hodge, April Anderson and Tom O'Connor.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes 4/26/2017** (not 5/10/2017): Correct spelling for Mr. MacDonell (2x). Mr. Fecto motioned to approve, Mr. MacDonell 2nded, motion approved.
3. **Sub-committee Reports:** (as needed)
 - a. **Public Relations:** Committee hasn't met. Mrs. Trabucco wants to know if the look of the website should change. There was discussion on issuing a statement to the public. This committee will draft a statement for the website. It was decided to wait until we have the money to post it. It will possibly be put out in a letter. The announcement should be first followed by the timeline and video the remainder in order with most recent first. Wayne spoke on process of getting the last stages of approval. Amy Clark emailed on Friday that the Governor signed the budget on Thursday. Hinsdale is the only town to received Building Aid. There will now be a moratorium on aid for next year. Amy has been a great asset. He spoke to the support we received in many ways. The work of the committee, Amy Clark, Jay Kahn, Smokey Smith and many others are to be thanked. We will receive 80% initially and then 20% upon completion.
 - b. **Finance:** Can't move forward on bonding until it can be qualified as tax exempt. Bond council (Matt Uptons office) has done preliminary work and they will be asked to move forward. Bond bank has waved fees. Bonds are put out to market 2x per year. Winter will be next (January). We will be ok with state money coming to us there are not a lot of expenses yet. We should be in good shape still with interest rates. 501C3 should go ahead with working on donations. These could be for additional items not in the original plan so as not to increase what was voted on.
 - c. **Education:** Mr. Boggio got an email asking about space, computers amount of students. Questions on layout, ie: wall space, marker boards vs smart boards, tables vs desks etc. Marinace will be coming down once contracts are signed doing some measurements etc. Sometime this month. Contracts will be signed once the check is received. Mr. Fecto asked would it be possible to have a bathroom in each classroom as opposed to being shared. Mr. Sisko commented the more bathrooms the more underground pipes. Looks like we could lose some closet space and add a bathroom. Mr. O'Malley asked have we given any thought to some outdoor classroom space. Mr. Woolridge said we need to be careful not to add too many changes to what we showed to the public. Mr. MacDonell suggested maybe the next year with 501C3 money. Fire chief needs to be brought in to a meeting.

- d. **Facilities:** Nothing to report
4. **Next Steps:** Meet with Marinace. Mr. Boggio will contact them. Meet with the fire chief. Facilities meets next Friday, which would be a good time to meet with him. Mr. Woolridge will ask him to meet Wednesday with the BIC facilities subcommittee. Maybe 6:00.
 5. **Solar Discussion:** Mr. O'Malley had a conversation with a solar company. They could not do this project. We could try other companies. We need to decide sooner other than later. Solar City was mentioned, they are doing a lot of work in town. There was discussion on if this could be done, what are the weight and size concerns. There are already mechanicals planned for the roof. It was asked if we could we put it on the ground instead. This could be done at any time. Could we ask Marinace to plan on the ability to add this? Extra load bearing capacity would not be a bad thing considering weather. It was recommended to have drop off/pick up for car riders to the back and bus drop off/pick up off to school street. Will ask Marinace to keep this in mind. Mrs. Collins said they are working on a grant to make some changes to School Street. We should meet with Marinace after they do measurements to bring up these points. Mr. O'Connor reminded us to keep in mind what we proposed to the town. As much that can be done outside of the project would be good. The fire lane would be the most important.
 6. **Other:** Nothing additional.
 7. **Next Meeting Date :** July 31st at 6:00 SAU
 8. **Adjournment :** Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Fecto, 2nded by Mr. MacDonell. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.