

**Rochester School Board
Building Committee Minutes
School Department Board Room
September 1, 2016
6:15 PM**

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Members Present:

Mrs. Audrey Stevens, Chair
Mr. Thomas J. Jean
Mrs. Jennifer Bryant
Ms. Nichole Guptel
Mr. Paul Lynch

Members Absent:

Also Present:

Mr. Michael Hopkins
Ms. Linda Casey
Mr. Richard Bickford
Mrs. Christiane Allison
District Administrators
Press & Guest

Mrs. Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. with a quorum present.

Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Ms. Guptel, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2016 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Facilities Update

Mr. Richard Bickford, Facilities Director, provided an update on the Phase II Solar Energy Implementation Project: all electric permits have been obtained; the RMS array is $\frac{3}{4}$ done should be completed next week; at SHS prep-work has begun; and the panels and supplies for the Tech Center and McClelland School have been ordered and looks to be on schedule.

Schools opened in good shape, crews did a great job. Gonic School roof has been completed, awaiting inspection on the 12th. Nancy Loud School porch has been repaired; the handicap ramp has been fixed at the high school; and Dave McKenney has put sod on Football field and lawn at SHS where needed. Mr. Bickford informed the Committee that a RFP will be put out for a truck with plow. He looked at City truck bids, but they are not quite the same specs and are not really what the Buildings & Grounds Dept. needs. Bid will be brought to the Building Committee at next month's meeting for consideration.

Other

Mrs. Bryant shared comments from a new student to East Rochester School, noting two highlights were air conditioning and a great bubbler that knows when a water bottle is full. Everyone seems to be enjoying the new school.

Mr. Lynch, appreciates that schools and municipalities are using solar energy. It is a learning experience for everyone and has great impact on the environment.

Public Comment

Mr. Mark Campbell, Chamberlain Street School Principal spoke highly of the maintenance and facilities staff, "they have been awesome." The response for assistance has been great; they are good, friendly, hardworking people that he has been extremely impressed with.

Mr. Pappas commented on the work being done within Gonic School and how welcoming and friendly the custodial staff has been during the summer when he has been by the school during the summer.

Adjournment

Mr. Jean moved, second by Mr. Lynch to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Audrey Stevens, Committee Chair