

Rochester School Board
Building Committee Minutes
School Department Board Room
September 7, 2017
6:00 PM

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Members Present:

Mrs. Audrey Stevens, Chair
Mrs. Jennifer Bryant
Mr. Paul Lynch

Members Absent:

Mr. Thomas J. Jean

Also Present:

Mr. Michael Hopkins
Ms. Julie Brown
Ms. Linda Casey
Mr. Matthew Pappas
Mr. Kyle Repucci
Mrs. Karen Stokes
Mr. Robert Watson
Guests

The Chair called the meeting to order 6:09 p.m. with a quorum present.

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Ms. Brown, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2017 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. David Totty, HVAC & Systems Technician, handed out a full page Summer Project Update. He noted a few completed items such as: drainage issues at McClelland and Chamberlain Schools were repaired in collaboration with the Department of Public Works which saved funds due not having to rent equipment. Ten school parking lots were restriped using our own field equipment which also saved district funds. Renovation of the Middle School FCS Classroom was completed and cabinets that were removed were reused at the High School and William Allen School. Eastern Propane project is ongoing. At this time the R.W. Technology Center HVAC area has gas and oil and Eastern Propane is donating equipment so that after the students complete their safety training they will be able to begin learning how to install piping.

Mr. Hopkins reviewed the Maple Street Magnet School ADA update. Different options continue to be presented and reviewed. Changes could be made to either the side or front entrance for a ramp. The front entrance seems the most accessible. We could have a ramp off to the side or straight ahead of the front entrance. If it is to the side of the front entrance, it could be shorter with a railing. If it is straight out, it will be lengthy due to the pitch. The front doors need to be replaced and have a push button to open is and the doors are required to have a wide swing for wheelchair access. There are additional minor fixes such as the repair of a lip in the parking lot and signage. Inside, a first floor handicap accessible bathroom is required and four doors need to be widened. The Library would become a multi-purpose space. An interim plan was sent today.

Mr. Hopkins handed out budget for the suggested updates. The total budget expenditure would be \$81,799.54. The Board is deciding whether Maple Street Magnet School remains where it is, if it is moved to another building or if it is to be closed. Mr. Watson asked if the proposed items listed above would meet requirements. Mr. Hopkins stated that our ADA Attorney believes that these changes would be accepted. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Stevens believes it is the best choice to make the changes to the current location. Mr. Watson and Ms. Brown believe it is the best option as well with the new suggested changes now not including an elevator. Mrs. Bryant does not agree with having the Magnet School. She believes it is an excellent program but not having one particular school with a lottery etc. She feels it receives more attention than the other elementary schools in the district. Mr. Pappas stated that this school receives more attention as we have the first Magnet School in the State and the students are having great success. We would like to move some of the Magnet programs into the other elementary schools because of the amazing student success.

Mr. Lynch made a motion, second by Mrs. Stevens to recommend that the Finance Committee approve the Maple Street Magnet School ADA Compliance Project. The motion carried by majority vote.

Mr. Hopkins reviewed the CTE Renovation Project. Mrs. Halligan-Foley has architects coming back to meet with teachers to discuss their program space. We are working with Celeste Plaia because of hopeful joint use between school and city of the photography/video lab space. We expect to have the proposed plans for front facade of the Technology Center to the Joint Building Committee at their next meeting. The next Joint Building Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Lynch asked how the beginning of school has gone so far. Mr. Hopkins commended the Elementary School Principals, Mr. Repucci and Mrs. Mann for an amazing job with transportation of all students during the first few days. Especially with the numerous last minute changes to where the students were going. The stair treads at the high school are amazing and make quite a difference. Classrooms are in good shape. We do have a few crowded bus issues.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Audrey Stevens, Chair

2017 Summer Project Update

Location	Task	Status
Spaulding High School	Fire Supression Installation	System online and accepted by RFD. Band & Chorus area unforeseen ceiling remains.
	Fire Alarm Upgrade	Complete
	Stair Treads	Complete (less indicator strips)
Gonic School	Window Replacement	Complete (66 windows)
Nancy Loud School	Oil Tank Removal	Complete
	New fence in playground	Complete
Maple Street School	2nd floor bath improvements	Complete
Rochester Middle School	FCS Classroom space	Complete
	Add sinks to room 111	Complete
	Gym floor repair	Complete
	Café ceiling	rejected
William Allen School	Teachers room sink	Complete
McClelland School	New glass window	Complete
	Drainage repair	Complete
Chamberlain Street School	Drainage repair	Complete
Creteau Technology	Eastern Propane donation	Ongoing
District-wide	Transformer Replacement	Complete
	Building envelope	99% complete
	Everhot domestic hot water tanks	Complete
	RMS VAV	Complete
	Parking lot striping	10 Schools complete
	Lawn Restoration	Ongoing
	Paving Repairs (CTE, MCL, WAS, CSS, NLS)	Complete
	Fibar	100 Yards
	Street/Shoulder repairs	Ongoing
Trainings	New Waxing System	Complete
	Best Practices - Microfiber Cleaning	Complete
	Asbestos Awareness	Complete