



FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 6, 2013

Seymour Middle School

6:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Kubik
Jennifer Magri
Fred Stanek (6:35 p.m.)
Yashu Putorti (6:39 p.m.)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Christine Syriac, Superintendent of Schools
Rick Belden, Asst. Superintendent, Finance & Operations
Wayne Natzel, Director of Facilities
Rob Dyer, Systemwide Coordinator of Technology

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Salute to the Flag

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

A. Information

1. **Discussion and update on the humidity issue at Seymour Middle School.**

Mr. Kubik asked for an update on the Silver + Petrocelli proposal and the floor sample. Mr. Natzel said a section of the flooring was lifted for testing and nothing was found underneath the flooring. He indicated that three different areas were tested and nothing was found. He met with Silver + Petrocelli and they sent a proposal to do a study of the problem areas. A representative from Silver + Petrocelli came out to look at the area, explained it was an ongoing problem with the humidity. He thought there are going to be humidity problems because it is a lower level and is leaning toward dehumidification as a solution. Mr. Belden said we need a third party independent to make recommendations. There was an improvement in the problem area with dehumidification. The flooring issue has been put to bed. In the science room, fibers were accumulating. There was a negative air flow in the room. An exhaust fan in the closet had been left on (we don't know how long) the switch had been hidden. The negative air flow problem was solved when this was turned off. We will see if this solves the particulate problem in this room. Mr. Kubik asked if an analysis was needed with regard to moisture or does this proposal only cover a study of mechanical systems. Mr. Natzel felt they may do both. Mr. Belden feels the time is not the best because the heat is on and the humidity is lower this time of year. Mr. Kubik said he assumed we needed to move on their proposal but he wondered if they would be available to attend a certain number of meetings to brief the Facilities Committee and the Board. We don't want to be charged extra for each meeting. Need to quantify this in the proposal.

Mr. Stanek asked if we have received any other proposals. He thought it might be worthwhile to seek other proposals. Mr. Kubik is reluctant because Silver + Petrocelli did the work on Chatfield-LoPresti and they were familiar with us. We can do a comprehensive proposal to seek other firms. Mr. Natzel felt Silver + Petrocelli was appealing because they do mechanical and architectural studies. It was agreed that other proposals should be reviewed since we are waiting until spring to do much of the testing. Mr. Natzel and Mr. Belden agreed. We will table this item on the Board agenda and seek additional proposals.

B. Reports

1. **Chairman's Report**

None

2. **Superintendent's Report**

None

III. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: (Ms. Magri/sec., Mr. Stanek) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk