

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Facilities Committee

Minutes

April 5, 2010
Seymour Middle School
6:45p.m.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Garofolo, Fred Stanek, Yashu Putori, MaryAnne Mascolo

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with a pledge to the flag.

1.) Discussion and possible action on purchasing the SyAM Software

Discussion: Mr. Garofolo iterates the purpose of the meeting is to decide whether the Seymour Public Schools should purchase the SyAM Power Management Software. Rick Belden is asked to outline the analysis handout he has presented to the committee. Mr. Belden outlined the document which is an updated version to that presented to the Board about a year ago:

- We qualified for funding through the CL&P Energy Efficiency Fund.
- The software, though it can do much more in a large corporate setting, will be effective in Seymour for turning off lights and computers in each school.
- Cost:
 - Option I:* Have company Install May 1, 2010 without the help of our Tech Unit. This option would allow for savings to begin sooner, but it is more expensive upfront.
 - Option II:* Wait until the district has the new Technology Coordinator is in place in July 2010 and have our own tech team install the software. SyAM will also come out and walk our tech team through the process. This option is more cost effective and recommended by Mr. Belden.
- Initial cost to the district will be \$27,000 with a projected savings of a minimum of \$13,000 the first year (July 1st to June 30th) and with an estimated \$40, 000 savings going forward.
- The software guarantees a 100% shut down of all equipment attached to it.
- Software allows for tracking of each individual unit for troubleshooting and repair. These repairs and tracking can be done remotely from other schools.
- The software is relatively easy to use and maintain once set up and Mr. Belden feels that there will be no need to sign up for a service agreement with SyAM, which would incur a yearly software maintenance cost.
- Shutdown of the computers will be graceful and save any information that might be in progress and forgotten by the last user. Mr. Belden met with the IT Director of New Canaan who is using this system and he claims found this to be true and have not had any issues with the software in this regard.

Mr. Garafolo provided an overview of the Board's reasoning for not approving the purchase of this software last year. Mr. Baker asked for clarification around installation from the company versus using our own tech team. Mr. Belden explained the difference and gave the recommendation that our own tech team install the software. Mr. Putori questioned the estimated savings and feels they are overstated. Mr. Belden agreed to check into the numbers in regards to peak hours and rates for such. Mr. Garafolo asked if this software can track electricity usage for the individual schools. Mr. Belden didn't believe that this software has that capability. It was made clear through this discussion that the estimated savings cannot be truly known at this time and that payment for the software will be from the 2010-2011 Budget.

MOTION: (Mr. Kubik, sec., Mr Putori) to recommend that the full Board approve the purchase of the SyAM power management software and along with that accept the Option II installation plan.

Discussion: We will pay for this out of the 2010-2011 budget.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Putori

2. Chairman's Report: None

3. Superintendent's Report:

- Rick Belden announced that the final process for bids for the tennis courts and swimming pool at Seymour High School. This will come before the full Board for approval in May.
- Rick to ask Wayne Natzel to give facilities committee a presentation on the pipe system and relining of the pool at Seymour High School.

MOTION: (Mr. Putori, Sec., Mr. Kubik) to adjourn meeting.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Putori

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Submitted by:
April Judd, Clerk