

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015
BOARD ROOM ~ ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

PRESENT:

Committee: Mr. Matthew DeNucci, Mr. A. J. Baker, Mr. Matthew Catania, Mr. Robert Sack

Board: Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Matthew Bilker
Mrs. Kathryn Chandless (by phone)

Administration: Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Michael Dumin,
Mr. Joseph Driscoll,

Public: 5

Press: 0

1. Call to Order

Mr. DeNucci called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Stood on the Pledge of Allegiance from the Special meeting

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. DeNucci asked for the approval of the minutes for the January meeting

With no discussion, the minutes were approved

4. Informational/Discussion Items ~ Facilities

A. Present update on Building Security Capture Space Projects

Mr. Dumin gave a brief presentation on the Capture Space in the Elementary Schools as well as Paxon Hollow Middle School. The work at the Middle School is more extensive than that of the Elementary Schools. The main office at the Middle School along with the Principal's office will be moved, where at the Elementary level work can be done within the existing offices, with the exception of Worrall. The work will be a little more extensive because of the location of the present office. The bids for these projects should be done in April.

There was some discussion regarding ADA compliance. Culbertson you have to enter the back of the building if a ramp is needed. There was also discussion about the glass being used in the capture system. Could it be bullet proof? Yes with the direction of the Board to do that.

B. Present update on Building Security Camera Projects

Mr. Dumin gave the following report. There would be more cameras at the High School and Middle School. The Principal at the High School would like a 100% coverage. Can be designed that way, but an always be reduced. At the Middle School there would be 50 cameras located at the doors, cafeteria, possibly the gym, outside the restrooms. At the Elementary level there would be cameras at the doors and the exterior of the buildings. This project is designed to be viewed by the police. Would like to continue with the design and then have Serph look at it and make a recommendation on if we should go with what has been presented by Bonnett. Will also have the police chiefs check the design as well.

C. Renew Designated Person Contract with Environmental Control Systems, Inc. for two years ending June 30, 2017. The annual retainer fee will be waived.

This is having a person on retainer, no charge, should we have an environmental issue. They are in located in the district. Only time any money is charged is if there is an issue that needs to be corrected.

5. Information/Discussion Items ~ Transportation

A. Presentation of proposed new Transportation Software

Mr. Christopher Brown, Director of Transportation, gave the following report:

- He explained the present software used in the assigning of buses for students and the routes they take to transport students to and from school.
- He feels that the maps being used on not accurate making the stops further away from a student's home.
- Doesn't necessarily list streets without sidewalks.
- He would like to change to a company called Transfinder.
- The maps used are from Bing and are more up to date.
- He feels that using Transfinder is a more efficient and safer way to transport our students to and from school.
- Mr. Brown is also getting the cost of companies for GPS systems that would work with Transfinder.

- Transfinder is presently working on a parent portal to make sure that it is a safe app. Also working with realtors.
- Presently have 82 vehicles.
- This software would also work with Infinite Campus.

6. Other Business

Mr. Dumin explained that Mr. Mathis is requesting that the fields be fertilized. There are rules and regulations regarding this. People need to be notified if there are any chemicals being used. We presently are using fertilizing with no chemicals, it is all natural. Mr. Mathis know someone that is certified and will explain. Mr. Dumin recommends that we hire this person so that we have total control. He also said that we are growing weeds at this time and not sure that fertilizing will do anything.

Mr. Mathis said the person that he knows has a student at the high school, Mr. Tomasco. He feels that if they do something the fields would be better for this year.

Mr. Dumin has the information on Mr. Tomasco. He also said that there is a registry of who has to be notified and it also has to be posted on the property for a least 36 hours after the treatment. If Mr. Tomasco was to do this as a donation, we would have a no cost contract. He would have to make sure all regulations are being followed and would have to produce the proof of that.

Mr. Mathes realizes that this would be a marginal improvement. Just would like to make it look more presentable. Mr. Mathes will have Mr. Tomasco contact Mr. Dumin.

Mr. Dumin thinks that Mr. Tomasco would have this type of contract. Mr. Dumin will talk with him.

Mr. Mathis continued that he does know that it will be a couple of weeks before they can get out on the field. He wanted to thank the Board for the approval on the Batting Cages. He and Mr. Dumin have talked and they have been ordered and he will have his guys install once Mr. Reardon tells them where they are to be placed.

Mr. Mathis wanted to know if there had been any discussion on the master plan. Mr. DiNucci said they should have more information within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Dumin explained that it would not be this summer, but next summer. There are many options and they would need direction from the Board as to how to

proceed. He is hoping that by May there would be recommendations and he will have a presentation.

Mr. Mathis wanted to say that there is a growing skepticism in the community that this will be happen. That the fields are having a negative impact on the students coming to the High School.

Members of the Board explained that this is process that has to be done correctly and all the background information is needed to do this project right.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Adjournment

Mr. DeNucci adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM