



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Connecticut

Citywide School Building & Stewardship Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 14, 2021 via Zoom

I. Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 4:36 p.m. by Mr. Zinn.

Attendance: Mr. Giovanni Zinn, Chair, Mr. Matthew Wilcox Vice-Chair, Mr. Michael Gormany, Ms. Aicha Woods.

Other: Mr. Thomas Lamb, Mr. Joseph Barbarotta

III. Stewardship Report: Mr. Lamb presents the Stewardship Report.
School Construction Program: Mr. Lamb presents the Stewardship report. He states currently 2 draft audits that were sent to us by the State that we are reviewing, which are: Davis St and East Rock Magnet Schools. There were several errors in the audits that we found and Mr. Acosta has agreed to revise the audits to remove ~3 million dollars of corrections found by Mr. Lamb and Ms. Sue Weisselberg. Once complete we can finalize them through this committee and forward to the Board. He has been in contact with Michelle Dixon at the School construction office who has been a big help with aiding us through these open projects some going as far back as 2004.

Capital Improvement Grants: Sound School Filtration system is scheduled to be delivered in the next coming weeks. Mark Potocsky and his team have been working to coordinate that project. Regarding the Roof Replacement Silver Petruccelli architectural firm, the survey is completed and they are working to develop the spec, which must come from us. We are working in collaboration to get this completed. Based on the timeline shown in the presentation we are on target for the timeline.

ESSER II Bottle filling station, they have arrived and we are looking to install it at Hillhouse. We were going to do it this week, but with the recent water line break near the school, it has been delayed. With the issues now rectified, we will be installing them next week. However, once confirmed they fit appropriately we will look into the next set to install which we can do a larger order of.

BMS upgrades Martinez, Nathan Hale, and John C Daniels are near completion or completed. The next schools will be Fair Haven and Kathrine Brennan Schools, Mr. Lamb states that he hopes to be able to provide a document by the next meeting that shows the Dollar amount of ARP ESSER funds for these opportunities.



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CO2 Sensor Repair is important to air quality health, and Bishop Woods and Robinson and Betsy Ross are completed. King Robinson is being worked on, and Coop and Mauro Sheridan survey are complete and the contractor is working on drawing up proposals.

Hot Water Tanks Replacements: IES will be developing the equipment replacement specifications. Contract for services is currently with Corporation Council for review. These projects have stalled slightly with all the emergencies accumulated, but with them now dwindling, we are hoping to pick this project back up soon.

Boiler Replacements: All of the boilers in the district are up and running by October 15 as dictated by the state, which was a feat with the collaboration with our Facilities team and our HVAC Vendors. Fair Haven and Wexler both boilers came in and are within days of being completed. Once complete we have a large list of schools that need replacements based on internal assessment. If we were to attempt to replace all the boilers in one year, it would be approximately a 3 million dollar project.

Swimming Pools: Career School pool has completed the painting portion, but there is still some scaffolding in place that needs to be removed. The exterior caulking should be relatively quickly, we will touch base with the contractor on timeline. IES provided us with specifications to Conte School for the concrete walls underneath that were cracking. The pool was deemed safe, and the contractor provided us with a report that states there is no structural loss of integrity. Martinez proposals were fairly old and requested updated proposals from our pool vendor, so we can attempt to include these into the ARP ESSER funding.

Energy Management and Sustainability: Currently need to meet with Corporation Counsel to discuss concerns raised by them regarding process to move forward with this item. The next schools in line to received LED Conversions are Career, Clinton, Troup, King Robinson, and Martinez (as funding is available). We are also working in collaboration with the City regarding the replacement of our Fuel Cell as the previous fuel cell Doosan cell have been exhausted.

Electric & Natural Gas Report: The previous report I provided regarding the utilities costs, the report provided in the stewardship report is regarding usage. As noted in the spreadsheet up until December we were below or at a normal range, but as of December it has become clear we utilize a lot more gas to heat our facilities. Due to the district accommodating the additional outside air, it has thus affected the usage by such increase.

Indoor Air Quality: The facilities team has made great improvements concerning flooding, mold remediation around the District. We have in place a certified vendor for any remediation regarding these instances. They will complete all OSHA paperwork and inspections required by them.

Other Items: Hillhouse water main break was resolved and repaired quickly. Playground inspections completed and repairs are underway. Ross Woodward equipment and materials set to arrive in 12-14 weeks. Filter replacements start round 2 in November. We have been working with our new CFO to discuss the types of projects that are eligible under the ARP ESSER funds and what we can utilize our Operating Expenses or Capital on, so we can better grasp the amount the District may have to absorb.



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**IV. Other
Business:**

Mr. Zinn inquired when we this committee see an update report from Svigal whom is conducting the Facilities Study for the District. Mr. Lamb states that they are currently still collecting information regarding programming and room utilization at the various schools. However, he has recently spoken with them and they are on schedule and should be meeting with the principals soon.

Adjournment:

**On the Motion by Mr. Gormany seconded by Dr. Whyte to adjourn at
5:14 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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