



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Connecticut

Citywide School Building & Stewardship Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 9, 2021 via Zoom

I. Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Mr. Zinn.

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

Other: Mr. Thomas Lamb, Mr. Joseph Barbarotta

II. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes On the Motion by Mr. Gormany, seconded by Ms. Woods to approve the August 12, 2021 Minutes. (Motion Passed)

8.12.2021: Roll Call Vote: Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Gormany, Yes; Mr. Zinn, Yes; Ms. Woods, Yes.

III. Stewardship Report: Mr. Lamb presents the Stewardship Report.

School Construction Program: The School Construction program has not fully concluded to date. The COO Office has been working with Ms. Sue Weisselberg on a few outstanding audits that are due and issues arose that we are working to get resolved. 15 out of 43 school construction projects that had issues, regarding documents that have and/or have not went through the committee. Some audits are incomplete, and others, which were submitted to the state that have unapproved expenditures that they state are not, covered. We are trying to get these issues resolved as with the switching of previous COO and CFOs, not enough attention was put into these, which is much needed at this time.

Capital Improvement Grants: We have the large grant from ESSER, we are going to be putting a plan together on how the funds will be spent. Silver Petrucelli has been working with the school on the Roof Replacement project, the kick off meeting was held last month where a proposed schedule was created. The first step is the survey of the roof and assist us with the documentation required for the Grant with the State. Once we get to the type of roof selection portion we hope to loop in Giovanni so we can inquire on what the city uses so we can stay consistent.



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ESSER II Grant: As stated previously the unit which was ordered was the incorrect connection for the school. Which is scheduled to arrive next week. If it does fit correctly, we will begin rollout to other schools. Due to the connection issue, these particular models purchased cost more than the initial units did. Supplemental funds may be needed, as the #of units will decrease due to the amended unit price for the one that has the proper connection to the schools.

BMS systems are still being worked on, Nathan Hale is nearing completion and Martinez and Daniels Schools have made progress as well. Our hope is to wrap them up within the next couple of months.

CO2 Sensor Repair is important to air quality health, and Bishop Woods and Robinson and Betsy Ross will be receiving those initially.

Pools: Currently Evaluating if ARP –ESSER funds can be used for remaining repairs. Career assessment for the structure of the pool in July. Pool close and drained for safety. IES Agreement currently being drafted with Corporation Counsel and hope to get these executed soon so we can get the work started. Mr. Wilcox inquired if any pools are available for use. Mr. Barbarotta stated that Cross and Hillhouse pools are still in use, Career is not and is currently staged and being sand blasted and is inoperable in its current state. Ms. Woods asked for clarification regarding funding, as these have been standing agenda items for quite some time and it was thought the projects were already funded. Mr. Lamb states that the projects were in the queue until a funding source became available, which we hope we can envelope under the ESSER funds to get these off the ground.

Fair Haven will currently be getting all 3 boilers replaced, we are expecting the shipment in the coming weeks. One boiler will be replaced at Wexler Grant. Which the vendor has stated will be installed upon arrival. There are 6 schools that will also need replacements soon based on the age of the school or the last replacement. Additional information from the Long Term Facilities study may shed light on the prioritization of which ones need to be replaced.

Concerning the LED Projects, we are hoping to coordinate with Corporation Counsel with the concerns raised prior to moving forward. Our hope is also to search and replace the Fuel Cell to utilize together.

Flooding and Mold Issues: The recent mold issues allowed the COO office to evaluate the Facilities Team and the response plan related to remediation of water or flood damage to our school buildings. Ms. Woods inquires if Air Quality Monitoring will be in conjunction with the mold monitoring. Mr. Lamb states there are no standard for what is considered acceptable for IAQ regarding mold, but is being monitored visually.

Ms. Woods inquires regarding the ARP ESSER funding if there is a timeline on when the funds need to be spent or paid out by? Mr. Lamb states he is still looking into the details regarding it, but possibly by 2024. But will confirm by the next meeting.



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**IV. Other
Business:** N/A

Adjournment: On the Motion by Mr. Gormany seconded by Dr. Whyte to adjourn at
5:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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