



New Hope-Solebury School District
Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2016, 7:30 pm
Upper Elementary School Library

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Attendance

- **School Board** – John Capriotti(Chair), Mark Cowell, Neil Dougherty
- **Administration** – Dr. Steven Yanni, Andrew Lechman, Dave Hansel, Peter Rivera
- **Committee Members** – John Adar, Stan Marcus
- **Public** – Mel Band,

The meeting was called to order by John Capriotti at 7:30 pm.

Old Business

- Mr. Hansel reported on the facility use fee schedule and provided a listing of different school districts in Bucks County and their fee schedules. Mr. Adar asked if we were close to what other schools are charging and Mr. Hansel stated that we were. Mr. Hansel then elaborated more on the facility use fee for the committee and touched on points such as: the amount of revenue we generate and how it goes into the revenue account. Mr. Cowell asked about the different types of fees and rental use and asked how we can generate more through use by different groups. There was also a discussion on the use of fields. Mr. Band had a question about the adult softball field and Mr. Hansel responded that we charge them \$500. Mr. Adar asked if the fees that we charge from one group to another are consistent. Mr. Adar requested to further investigate this. Mr. Capriotti asked about soccer pick-up games and Mr. Hansel pointed out that we don't have anyone here to police the fields. Mr. Marcus asked about policy with regards to field use and charging for use and what would be an appropriate policy. Mr. Adar referenced Pottstown and stated that there is a fee for everything. The committee decided to table the topic and asked to look at what other schools are doing based on information provided. Mr. Hansel was asked to gather information based on different groups.

- Mr. Hansel reported on the new batting cage and location. Mr. Dougherty asked if it was set on concrete and Mr. Hansel stated that it was not. Mr. Adar asked about the location and Mr. Capriotti clarified the location. Mr. Hansel discussed the cost of the project in detail which included: school costs, donations and free services and materials. Mr. Hansel also pointed out that the booster club was putting in \$6,200.00. Mr. Adar stated that he thought the cage was covered by the booster club, but Mr. Capriotti confirmed that it was not and that the school would use some funds. Mr. Hansel will continue to see if he can get lower prices. Committee recommended to move this to the Board.
- Mr. Hansel reported on the lead testing and results and informed that he used Analytical Labs to provide lead test and how to go about it. He discussed where samples were taken from at the different schools and reported which fixtures gave hits. He informed the committee that the fixtures were changed and retested and that results came back positive. Mr. Dougherty and Mr. Cowell both asked if other tests have been conducted. Mr. Dougherty pointed out that if someone sees a need for additional water testing it may be worth it. As an action item the committee asked Mr. Hansel to provide a list of all likely faucets children may drink from. Mr. Band spoke about radon testing and Mr. Capriotti asked to check the criteria for radon testing.

New Business

- Stadium sound system – Mr. Capriotti stated that the sound system does not work. Mr. Hansel mentioned that he had pricing dating back from 2011 and at the time put in a new antenna. Mr. Adar informed that the system was turned off in 2011 because you couldn't hear what was playing through the speakers. Mr. Capriotti explained that he was involved. Some recommendations were presented: get a consultant to assist in modifying the sound system, cost out the system and engage booster club(s).
- Plan Con H to move forward
- Mr. Capriotti asked about co-chair for committee
- Update – Campus Revitalization Project. Mr. Rivera provided a brief update on the relocation of the district offices and temporary classrooms

Public comment:

- Mr. Band about field #9 and what it would cost to bring pipes to that field. Mr. Adar added clarification.
- Mr. Band discussed field use in reference to filed #2 and the number of games on the field being 22. Mr. Band and Mr. Hansel had a discussion on fields and use and impact on grass, adequate height and types of grasses

John Capriotti adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Peter Rivera
 Director of Custodial Services