



New Hope-Solebury School District

Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2016, 7:30 pm

Upper Elementary School LGI

Attendance

- **School Board** – Mark Cowell
- **Administration** – Dr. Yanni, Andrew Lechman, Dave Hansel, Peter Rivera, Chuck Malone
- **Committee Members** – John Adar, John Singer
- **Presenters** – Chris Haller/D'HUY Engineering, Kevin Godshall/GKO Architects
- **Public** – Ed Duffy, Ellen Stiefel, Marcus Peckman, Lisa Mentz, Shelia Elser

The meeting was called to order by Mark Cowell at 7:35 pm.

The committee approved the minutes from August 17, 2016.

Old Business

- Mr. Hansel provided the committee with an itemized list of events and fees charged for each of the events for the 2014 – 2016 school years as reference. Mr. Hansel went over several of the items on the list for comparisons from year to year and used the New Hope/Lambertville Winter Festival as an example with regards to fees applied. He explained that the information collected represented two and a half years of data. Mr. Adar discussed previous information provided and asked Mr. Hansel to review it again and make recommendations on increases based on how other schools are charging for fees. Dr. Yanni reminded the committee that he had recommended a 10% increase to help offset costs such as facility use, energy, and custodial services. The committee discussed groups that pay versus groups that don't pay fees such as non-profit organizations. Mr. Adar asked Mr. Hansel to look at schools similar to ours and provide a list of groups that are paying.
- Mr. Hansel reported on the number of additional lead test points that were conducted at the Upper Elementary School and Lower Elementary School and referred to the test points as bubblers. Mr. Adar stated that we should test anywhere kids could potentially drink. Mr. Hansel was directed to test additional points.

New Business

- Mr. Haller reported on the information that will be going out. He walked the committee through the presentation which included: work preparations, contractor work, and work in progress. He walked the committee through phase 1 of the project and specifics, work completed on existing building, work completed on site which included an overview of a color coded phasing plan. He reported that earth moving equipment will arriving in the near future. Dr. Yanni informed the committee that the permits came in over budget with Mr. Haller providing further explanation as to why they came in higher than estimated. Mr. Adar asked who had put the budget together; Mr. Haller acknowledged that he had done so. Mr. Haller suggested that a conversation with the borough was in order to ask them what is being inspected. Mr. Haller also explained how he believed the borough came about determining their fees. Mr. Adar stated that someone should have been looking at the ordinance that governs fees. There was a discussion among several committee members on miscalculations of estimates and what needs to be done moving forward. Mr. Haller and Mr. Godshall both spoke about the allowances and how they are very much like contingencies. Dr. Yanni pointed out that we cannot compromise quality. Mr. Cowell asked about additional fees and Mr. Haller and Mr. Hansel went over additional fees.
- Mr. Godshall brought forth fees for additional services for the amount of \$21,300. Mr. Godshall explained that the fees were incurred due to changes made to the project. Mr. Cowell expressed concerns over the fees and stated that he recalled that some of the fees were not going to be incurred but would check the minutes from a previous meeting to confirm.

Public comment:

- Mrs. Mentz expressed concerns over the loud music being play after school during practice. Mr. Cowell stated that the matter would be looked into.

Mr. Cowell adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Rivera
Director of Custodial Services