



## **New Hope-Solebury School District**

### **Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes**

**October 13, 2016, 7:46 pm**

**Upper Elementary School LGI**

#### **Attendance**

- **School Board** – John Capriotti, Mark Cowell, Neal Dougherty, Maria Povacz
- **Administration** – Dr. Steve Yanni, Andrew Lechman, Dave Hansel, Peter Rivera, Chuck Malone
- **Committee Members** – John Singer, Stan Marcus, Jon Adar
- **Presenters** – Chris Haller – D'HUY Engineering and Kevin Godshall – GKO Architects
- **Public** – Alison Kingsley, John O'Hara

The meeting was called to order by John Capriotti at 7:46 pm.

- Mr. Capriotti informed the committee that Mr. Adar was the new Co-Chair to the committee.

#### **Old Business**

- Mr. Hansel provided the committee with a facility use schedule package that included schedule fees from other schools so as to compare them with ours. The package also included an itemized breakdown of NHSSD fees and services. Mr. Hansel went over our facility use schedule and compared it to the other schools. There was discussion on how to move forward so as to make a decision on how events and groups should be charged for using the facilities and services provided. There was a short discussion on putting together an ADHOC committee to help better develop and determine fees. Dr. Yanni elaborated on how the finances have been impacted due to increase in benefits and PSERS. There was a discussion on how other schools charge for their spaces. There was a question on who should be charged and if all groups should be charged something. Mr. Adar suggested educating and/or informing everyone before implementing. Mr. Cowell asked if there was a Board policy. Mrs. Povacz suggested placing a flat fee and Mr. Capriotti asked if we have been consistent. Mr. Marcus suggested taking more time to look at this matter more closely. Mr. Adar suggested looking at hourly rates and determine exceptions.

Dr. Yanni summarized next steps 1- breakdown to an hourly rate per location and 2 – Definitions – 503 C – non- profit status or profit, and charge.

- Mr. Hansel reported on the additional lead test points that were conducted at the agreed upon locations based on our last meeting and is waiting for results on water samples. Mr. Adar elaborated on the last test. Mrs. Povacz asked if these tests needed to be done annually Mr. Hansel indicated that the LES has to because they use well water. Mr. Capriotti further explained the history of the water in detail.
- Dr. Yanni reported on the New Hope Borough permit fees and status. He informed the committee that there was a request from the district to the Borough to lower the fees. He also informed the committee that after a meeting and discussion with the Borough that we are now waiting to hear back from them to see if any discounts will be applied. There was a discussion about the fees and how they were determined by Borough and D'HUY. Fees are: original budgeted fees by D'HUY \$100,000.00, Borough fees applied to district \$278,354.00 Proposed fees determined by D'HUY \$129,548.00.

### **New Business**

- Mr. Hansel reported on the new proposed bleachers for the middle school gym. He explained that the bleachers are portable, a Tip-and-Roll system, and that they address safety, storage and provide flexibility. He also explained to the committee that there would be a savings in choosing these types of bleachers. Mrs. Povacz asked about value engineering Mr. Godshall and Mr. Haller addressed her question. Mr. Adar clarified that future information will be brought to the table for future discussions.
- Mr. Haller from D'HUY engineering provided a package outlining the latest project updates and walked the committee through the different points and locations. Mr. Haller also went through a Gantt chart, schedule and financing.
- Mr. Hansel discussed the change order for \$54,000.00 that came about after working with Architect and Construction Manager. Mr. Povacz asked about the difference between spray foam, air barrier and rigid insulation and concerns over safety. Mr. Godshall reported of not being aware of any concerns.
- Mr. Hansel presented and discussed a new proposed patio area for students collecting parking fees off the main school driveway. He proposed the location with safety in mind. Mr. Hansel also reported that this would be at no cost to the district.

Mr. Capriotti adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Rivera  
Director of Custodial Services