

## Facilities Committee

January 16, 2023

7:30pm (via Zoom)

### Minutes

In attendance: Christina Hunt, Brian Fleischer (chair), Phaedra Dunn, Eric Scherzer, Monk Inyang, Will Ross (PSA), Connor O'Brien (Legacy)

- I. Bond Referendum Project Updates
  - a. Baseball field [**CONTENT REDACTED DUE TO ACTIVE LITIGATION AND ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**]
  - b. Woodman Field Press Box and Grandstand
    - i. Bid opening was January 12. There were four respondents and the lowest bid was around \$300,000 over budget, so there will be a resolution on the BOE agenda to reject the bids.
    - ii. PSA is working on revising the specifications to re-bid the project as soon as possible – believe we will have to downsize the footprint of the bleachers. Market cost for steel is very high and the pool of qualified vendors for bleachers is limited.
    - iii. The new bleachers need to be made ADA compliant, which the current bleachers are not. We need to have more clearance between the bottom of the bleachers and the fence, and need to install ADA compliant ramps and stairs, and at least 10 ADA compliant seats. Because the ADA requirements were already going to result in reduced seating capacity, the specifications for the initial bid looked to expand the length of the home grandstand from end zone to end zone, but now we'll have to scale back. Given our crowd sizes for football over the last several years, it is believed that we have not exceeded around 50% of the current seating capacity (around 3,500) of the legacy bleachers. The specifications for the initial bid would have had seating capacity of around 2,600. Committee members encouraged review of ticket sales data to determine how much lower we could safely go without turning fans away before we re-bid.
  - c. Roof projects (Bradford, Hillside, Glenfield, Northeast)
    - i. Bid advertisement published January 12. Bid opening will be February 15.
    - ii. Four separate bid packages.
  - d. Playgrounds
    - i. Bids will be advertised within next few weeks.
    - ii. Designs/specs reflect input from Principals and their school-based committees, including special education parents.
    - iii. Committee members suggested presenting playground schematics to the public before bid and award.

- e. Administration Building and Pre-K roofs require review from Historic Preservation Commission.
  - f. Exterior Stairs @ PreK and Edgemont were awarded – target Spring Break to execute @PreK and summer to execute @Edgemont (cannot take steps out of use while school is in session)
  - g. Hillside Field site drainage and remediation (remaining a grass field) will go out to bid February 2 with bid opening February 14 and award hopefully February 21.
  - h. Glenfield storefront, curtain wall/glazing, media center/library renovations
    - i. Potential to execute this summer
    - ii. Library will become critical “swing space” as subsequent open house/classroom renovations begin
    - iii. Library is large enough that the design will include both small group instruction breakout spaces and three classroom-sized spaces that can be used without precluding continued use of the library space/function
  - i. Next Community Advisory Panel meeting targeted for January 25
    - i. Ms. Hunt will check with Ms. DeRosa on meeting invitation
    - ii. Legacy will be presenting on bond referendum schedule, execution and planning, and HVAC, and collect input
- II. Resolutions for Board Agenda
- a. Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (mandated annual resolution)
  - b. Emergency Purchase – Central Heating Plant Boiler Replacement
    - i. One boiler not working and second boiler needs repairs to five sections
    - ii. Wasn’t part of bond referendum because those boilers were only 6/8 years old
    - iii. Not covered by warranty because deemed to be caused by hard water
    - iv. Going forward we will implement water treatment to hopefully extend life of all district boilers
    - v. Will be funded with remaining funds on federal COVID-era grant; no impact on operating budget
  - c. MCPK Security Cameras
    - i. Was included in bond referendum
    - ii. Can procure under budget through a purchasing co-op (i.e., didn’t require bidding)
    - iii. Ms. Hunt will review and let us know if camera maintenance is included in contract
- III. New Business
- a. Committee members shared concerns/complaints received from students about bathroom maintenance including working locks on stalls, and about water filtration systems that have not been “green” on recent school days.
  - b. Committee inquired whether there had been further developments on the lacrosse booster club’s efforts to fund a practice wall at Watchung playground and the Watchung PTA’s concerns and counterproposal. Ms. Hunt was unaware of any new developments.