

Olean City School District
Buildings and Grounds Committee
Via ZOOM
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
4:30 P.M.

Present: Jim Padlo Andrew Caya
 Paul Hessney Ira Katzenstein
 Rick Moore Jenny Bilotta
 Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry

Observer: Mary Hirsch-Schena

Capital Project Update

- Mr. Moore noted the architects gave a presentation at the January board meeting; not many updates since then; Ira recommended at the board meeting to get employee input
- EV and WW principals have been meeting with employees to review preliminary schematics
- Steve Anastasia has been meeting with coaches and Phys Ed teachers to discuss and review the turf field and playground area
- Zoom meeting scheduled tomorrow to discuss high school auditorium
- Ira noted that at the end of this upcoming project he would like to see ALL of the leftover Building Condition Survey items crossed off the list
 - Jenny noted that a new Building Condition Survey will need to be done before this upcoming project is completed

COVID Update

- Mr. Moore reported the reopening of schools was discussed at yesterday's Operations Committee meeting
- Per Dr. Watkins, DOH, he does not feel the virus is going to go away any time soon; 6' social distancing rules is still in effect unless guidelines change
- The district is slowly brining SWD back
- Teacher aides and secretaries as well as some teachers have been wonderful about cleaning classrooms between periods
- Mr. Moore sent an email to employees reminding them of travel restrictions/guidelines
- Jenny noted an inventory was completed for all COVID cleaning supplies; did have to order a few items
- CDC guidelines will play a big part in bringing students back to in-person instruction
- COVID vaccines are very limited; several employees have received the vaccine; several employees are still waiting for an appointment; not every employee is going to be vaccinated
- Paul questioned whether or not the district should take a position on being vaccinated; Mr. Moore noted that it is and should remain a personal choice
- At this time, vaccines are not available to students

COVID Funding Update for Building Improvements

- Jim asked if the district received the 20% aid that was withheld; Jenny noted "not at this time, however, she did receive confirmation the district will be getting it"
- Ira noted there is discussion in DC regarding COVID relief funding for schools; if funding were to relief funding were to be received, what items or projects would the district use the funding for?; Jenny noted air handling unites, touchless sinks in restrooms

Boardmanville Parking Update

- Mr. Moore reported the BOCES board approved the License Agreement

Other

- The committee discussed the possibility of split sessions in order to bring students back 100% in-person
- Can we bring 2/3 of the students back and allow 1/3 of students to continue remote learning?
- What about the addition of outdoor classrooms or space at JCC or mall?
- Jim asked why the National Honor Society does not include 10th graders. Jenny noted the rules are set nationally, not at the individual school level – National Honor Society is for students in grades 11 & 12

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Next meeting: March 9, 2021