

Olean City School District
Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting
410 West Sullivan Street
Tuesday, August 21, 2012
12:00 p.m.

Present: Paul Knieser Dan Harris
Jim Padlo (via phone) Kathy Elser
Colleen Taggerty Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry
Dave Fidurko

Observer: Ira Katzenstein

The Superintendent updated the committee on the status of the OIMS clock and message board. There is an electronics glitch that is being worked on today. As soon as that is fixed it should be in operation. It is anticipated that the glitch is not a major problem.

There was a lengthy report by the Superintendent on the Long-Range Facilities Plan. Ms. Taggerty reported: (a) There is a waiver in place from SED about our Five Year Plan, done in 2005, due to the current construction project. That is unofficially being updated through a variety of reports. (b) The status of our Asbestos Plan is up-to-date with no anticipated problems. It was cited that we have two employees, Mr. Fidurko and Mr. Hund, who are approved to handle emergency asbestos removal. Mr. Fidurko commented that the asbestos removed in the past was moved to a storage site in Pennsylvania but that the Board is responsible for that indefinitely. Asbestos in the current buildings is checked every six months on a maintenance schedule and there are no problems. The asbestos reports are submitted to the Federal Government.

The Superintendent brought the committee current with the Annual School Facility Report Card. This is on schedule and will be completed within the next few weeks and should be available to this committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. It will be completed for each building in the district.

The district keeps all major reports, e.g. ADA Self Review, etc., on file. The latest HUNT report includes much of the information for the local reports.

A safety concern by a resident bordering school property was reported. Baseballs from the field are hitting a citizen's house and yard. The district is working to resolve the issue by investigating the possibility of putting netting on or near the current fence which would capture the stray balls. There will be a report back to the committee at its next meeting.

The expenses for leasing buildings were discussed. The issue was brought up by board members. The Business Administrator provided the details outline what the district could expect if it were to engage in leasing. There was extensive discussion of the expenses with a final conclusion that further, and more detailed discussion, would be appropriate after purchase bids were opened on September 12, 2012.

There was discussion about the EXCEL Project – VOIP System proposal that is awaiting further action. Since the approval for the project is and will be in effect, and, since the SED reimbursement can be handled with no problems, it was agreed to delay further action on this for a few weeks.

In new business, the Superintendent asked the committee for direction on a business proposal by ARION concerning the installation and sharing of revenues for a solar system that might be added to school buildings. All committee members and the superintendent were in agreement to listen to a presentation by the company. On related notes, the Business Manager indicated that the Salamanca School District might also be interested in this and the committee agreed to invite them to a presentation. Also, the Business Manager indicated that there might be a lawsuit involving the company and their reimbursements. She indicated that she would investigate this matter and report back to the committee.

In a final issue, there was a request to investigate that legal technicalities and possibilities of giving naming rights to a company for a turf football field. The Superintendent indicated she would look into the matter by contacting districts that have already done this and report back to the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Submitted by Paul Knieser, Committee Chair

Next Meeting Date: September 18, 2012