

Olean City School District  
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting  
410 West Sullivan Street  
Thursday, September 18, 2012  
12:00 p.m.

Present:	Jim Padlo	Dan Harris	Colleen Taggerty
	Gordon Cross	Paul Knieser	Kathy Elser
	Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry		

Guest:

- Mike Watson, Business Manager, Allegany-Limestone Central School
- Karen Geelan, Superintendent, Allegany-Limestone Central School
- Jennifer Jaquith, Business Executive, Hiinsdale Central School
- Mike Voorhees, Campus Construction
- Mike Sabo, Campus Construction
- Kyle, Time Warner
- Cso Woodworth
- Arion Energy (via phone)

The meeting began at noon with present.

The following topics were discussed:

The meeting began with a conference call with Arion Energy. They are proposing an all inclusive solar development program for the school district. This plan would cover everything from the initial engineering designs to the final completion. There would be no capital outlay for the school district. According to their plans, the project would result in lower electric cost for the district and, possibly, revenue from sales of excess electric to the grid. Arion Energy would be responsible for any and all permits, construction cost, potential liabilities, and the project and final installations would be bonded to insure that any and all future guarantees and commitments would be accomplished. Representatives from three surrounding school districts were in attendance. Arion Energy is sending a letter to the Superintendent, Ms. Taggerty, requesting appropriate information so that they can submit a non binding proposal and letter of intent.

There was a report on the current contract and school situation with regard to Time Warner Cable and the no longer student occupied elementary buildings IJN and BV. Ultimately a final decision of when to disconnect the two buildings was discussed, deciding that it would be done when feasible and the alternate fire and intrusion alarms were up and operational. A central question regarding whether and when to renegotiate a new contract with Time Warner was determining the issue of whether the two remaining elementary schools would be closed, and if so, when.

The Facilities Report Cards for each building were made available to each board member for informational purposes. It was appropriately noted that these report cards are not mandated or necessary for any SED requirements. They are available for the board's own informational and evaluation purposes.

The review of the Policy for Naming and Renaming of Schools was introduced and the committee members unanimously agreed that the current language was acceptable and appropriate, seeing no need for any further action.

The issue of upgrading the curtain and lighting at the OHS auditorium was reported to be on schedule and included in a larger package of district improvements.

The bids for the sale of the unused elementary schools was discussed with the result that the committee, by majority consensus, agreed the bids would be taken to the Finance Committee for further examination and discussion before being brought to the entire board.

The idea to remove the school name lettering at IJN and BV was decided by majority vote. Mr. Padlo, most specifically, was in favor of keeping the IJN lettering.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:10.

Submitted by Paul Knieser  
Committee Chairman