

Middletown Public Schools -Board of Education

Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Held on December 16, 2015 at Middletown High School Media Seminar Room

Called to Order at 5:34 PM

Members present:

Vincent Loffredo, Edgar Cintron, Marco Gaylord, Cheryl McClellan (Chairperson for meeting), David Bauer, Franca Biales, new Board member, Jim D'Antonio, Jeff Turro the MHS Building Superintendent
Absent members were Dr. Patricia Charles, Steve Kovach, Ed McKeon, Thomas Serra and Deborah Cain, new Board member

- I. Middletown High School Fuel Cell
Looking into potentially decommissioning the fuel cell which came through as an innovations grant. The State will have to be involved and there are questions as to if there are any other alternatives. Senator Paul Doyle serves on the energy commission and should be involved. Richard Ross had contacted Senator Doyle to reach out to the Doosan Energy people. A meeting is scheduled on December 12, 2015 for discussion whether or not to decommission the unit or keep it running. The City has also found funding to have the fence redone.

- II. Grant(s) Update.
Nothing more on this issue.

- III. Air Quality Compliance and Building Committee
Edgar Cintron has asked to get contracts from the vendors and perhaps discounts for multiple year contracts. Currently there is an issue with the Cintas contract which was going to a 15% increase. He has asked Cintas to recheck that increase and within reason, go back to all past receipts and get a renewed contract by December 18, 2015.
Sodexo is currently looking into purchase water hogs rugs and possibly replacing them to find better long-term cost effective solutions. These rugs are located at all major door entrances and at egress ways which are not as critical.
Marco Gaylord has a list of all vendors and contracts. John Hall has been reviewing them but it was asked when they would all expire.
Cheryl McClennan is asking to prioritize what is more important.
Discussion on a 6, 7 and 8 complex on Hunting Hill Avenue. The Keigwin School would then become available. All were in agreement to move forward

but wanted to have a study of an elementary school. Vinnie Loffredo passed out a handout on Chapter 14 on Boards, Committees and Commission. Expertise is required to move forward so that all things are processed correctly and in a timely manner. The Mayor will get names of anyone who would like to be on the committee for this project which will be a long-term commitment. Anyone interested in becoming a committee member can contact Leslie Spatola, secretary of the Facilities Committee before the next meeting on January 20, 2016. In order to receive State funding, everything has to be in order and spelled out in detail. The time frame would be 2017-2018, the building committee decides to hire an architect, Natalie Forbes would be involved, designate a secretary for the committee and reimbursement site would have a timeline along with meeting DAS who will spell everything out.

IV. MHS Wall Issue (copy of settlement included)

V. Reports on Vendors and Contracts

VI. Miscellaneous

The outdoor lighting is very poor at Middletown High School. There are some lights that can be replaced by the warranty with LED's. They have failed the first year.

The next meetings dates are as follows and will be at the Board of Ed and start at 5:30 unless otherwise stated:

01/20/16; 02/17/16; 03/16/16; 04/20/16; 05/18/16; 06/15/16;
no meetings in July and August; 09/21/16; 10/19/16; 11/16/16, 12/21/16 and 01/18/17

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Minutes recorded by Leslie A. Spatola,

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