

MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15TH AT 311 HUNTING HILL AVENUE

BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OFFICE, CONFERENCE ROOM "B" AT 5:30 PM

Introductions: Kevin Dion-Facilities Director, John Pulino-BOE Board Member, Joshua Burger-Facilities Support Specialist, David Bauer-community member, Chairwoman Deborah Cain, Emily Jackson- BOE Board member, Jennifer Cannata, Assistant Superintendent

Meeting was called to order at 5:37pm by Chairwoman Deborah Cain

I. Review of the February 15th 2023 Minutes

Chairwoman Deborah Cain **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes, John Pulino- BOE Board Member seconded the motion. Motion carried hearing no nays.

II. Status and Updates of Beman Middle School Construction Project- K. Dion

Facilities Director- Kevin Dion reported the casters were ordered instead of sliders. We will not be able to modify chairs per the manufacturer, Kevin added that we will still see failure rates on the chairs, and added we are still under the 5-year warranty, he is still concerned about metal fatigue, and any liability with replacing casters, he suggested training course for the custodians who would possibly replacing them. Kevin was advised the manufacturer ran out of casters at this time, but we have marked chairs with a black dot to show which ones have been replaced so far, and he suggests keeping an ongoing recording of any repairs to the chairs. Chairwoman Deborah Cain would like to do a legal letter to send to vendor/ manufacturer of the chairs through our legal department.

Facilities Director Kevin Dion continued adding that the bleachers are all fixed and holding up at this time. Installer claimed labor at the time of installation was due to covid related issues. Facilities Director Kevin Dion suggested to the committee next time a school is built, the committee will need to get more involved to get a better product. The Lockers are still an issue with the manufacturer claiming they couldn't get thinner rolled steel at the time due to the supply chain issues at the time. Chairwoman Deborah Cain would like the committee to send a letter through our legal department to the manufacturer. Chairwoman Deborah Cain reported to the committee, the condition of the lockers looks like they've been there for many years, she is under the understanding the students are walking around all day with their coats, book bags and personal items raising concerns about safety. Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Cannata said they will discuss sending the letters and contacting the legal department in her weekly meeting with the administration. Chairwoman Deborah Cain inquired about Beman's roof leaking, Facilities Director Kevin Dion responded that the roof is still under it's a warranty, and the company came out right away to fix it. Chairwoman Deborah Cain inquired about the exterior signage options. Facilities Director Kevin Dion spoke with the vendor, they are going to meet to go over options and he will report back to the committee.

III. 5 Year Capital Plan Update- K. Dion

Report was presented electronically on the promethean board, and copies of the spreadsheet/report were handed out to all attendees. Facilities Director Kevin Dion discussed that the yellow highlighted areas are a potential state project to apply for a grant.

The figures have not changed on this report from last month's review, just the format of the spreadsheet. Kevin discussed the figures relationship between the spreadsheet and the budget books soon to be produced. A few items discussed were the replacement of the greenhouses at the maintenance department, to change to a storage area with simple heating and cooling, the need to use Keigwin as a

swing building with added costs etc., Community Member-David Bauer, asked about 3.7-million-dollar budget request as he was concerned about not getting the funds from the city. Facilities Director-Kevin Dion responded that the 3.7 million is what we need for the daily operations and maintenance. Chairwoman Deborah Cain spoke to the committee she felt that Facilities Director-Kevin Dion's plan was nicely put together and very understandable.

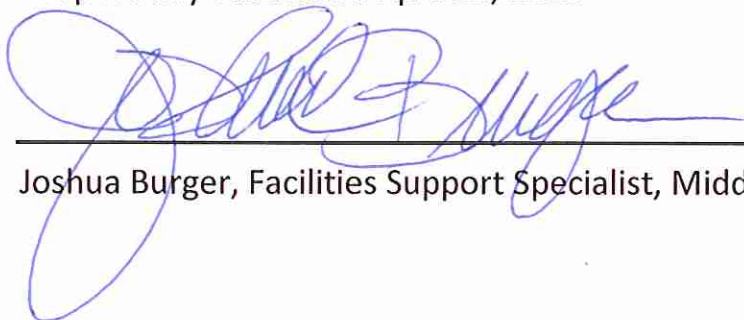
Chairwoman Deborah Cain **MOTIONED** to accept Facilities Director Kevin Dion's presentation of his 5-year plan and for him to present it at the April 2023 common council meeting. Board of Education Member John Pulino seconded the motion. Hearing no nays, the motion was accepted and carried.

IV. **Open Discussion**

Facilities Director Kevin Dion spoke about meeting with the company about the MHS track, in addition he will be meeting tomorrow at the MHS Library. He indicated that SLR will not get the track project done this summer. Most likely in the Summer of 2024, and will take about 4 months to install.

MOTION to adjourn at 6:33 pm by Chairwoman Deborah Cain, no nays, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted April 20, 2023



Joshua Burger, Facilities Support Specialist, Middletown Public Schools