

Buildings & Grounds Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2014, 4:03 PM – 5:30 PM

Present: Paul Rogers, Dan Newman, John Grant, Eric Casale, Jeff Miller, Thomas Primiano

Absent: N/A

Business Discussed:

Mr. Miller introduced the Boot Product, the Lockdown Company's classroom safety mechanism for closing off classrooms if danger is imminent. A steel plate is inserted into two aluminum sleeves, which would be attached to each door. Details are attached. Mr. Grant was concerned that each piece of steel can in and of itself become a weapon, suggesting that the mounting take place higher from the ground. Shields would also be installed on the outside doors to detain criminal entry. Mr. Miller believes the shields would be an important part of the safety system, since according to the vendor, 99% of school attacks happen once the criminal enters the building. Finally, straps would be installed for inward swinging doors. The quote for the boots, installation and shields is \$28,000. Mr. Miller asserted the product and its installation would be free of charge if the District is the first in the state to install the product. The vendor will contact the state fire marshal's office and SED regarding the legality of installing the product.

Mr. Casale re-introduced the idea of purchasing a new PA system, especially considering the District wouldn't want to compromise communication in the event of an emergency. A wireless system would connect to the SYA and the portables; the District would need to determine a system to alert Most Holy Trinity in the event of an emergency. Mr. Primiano asserted that it must be confirmed that the wireless system would not be prone to "losing signal".

Pending Business:

Mr. Primiano discussed a summary of the final total costs of the vestibule with the Committee. Of the \$297,240 budgeted, the District spent \$302,792, or \$5,552 more than budgeted; this overage is down from a recent estimate of \$19,000.

Mr. Newman asserted that the front door intercom system will be installed shortly. The magnetic doors will be tied into the fire alarm. Mr. Grant is concerned that the front door is only set to open on the left side, requiring an arrow indicating where to enter. Mr. Newman will request the door buzzer be mounted on the left side, to correspond with the door of entry.

Mr. Grant is concerned that minor cracks in the concrete could worsen, and would like for Mr. Rogers to confirm that the warranty is at least for a year. Mr. Rogers will confirm the warranty on the vestibule concrete work.

Mr. Newman suggested the District price out roof repairs, as there have been leaks. Mr. Grant requested that Mr. Rogers look into pricing reinforcement of the gym/locker room roof and two ventilation units and choose one of two engineers to provide feedback.

Mr. Grant requested that Mr. Newman price out painting the gym lockers.

Recommendations:

The Committee highly recommends the District plans to install the Boot Product system, for an estimated cost of \$28,000, pending clearance from the state. The vendor is a sole source provider, and competitive bidding is therefore not required.