



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Connecticut

Citywide School Building & Stewardship Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 13, 2022 via Zoom

I. Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 4:42 p.m. by Mr. Zinn.

Attendance: Mr. Giovanni Zinn, Chair, Mr. Matthew Wilcox Vice-Chair, Michael Gormany, Dr. Paul Whyte, Mr. Jacob Robinson.

Other: Mr. Thomas Lamb, Mr. Frank Fanelli, Atty. Elia Alexiades.

II. Wilbur Cross Renovations (Motion Passed) Thomas Lamb states that both he and the Director Erik Patchofsky has been working with Engineering, to come up with a plan for the field. The COO office is assisting with ensuring all proper documentation regarding the renovation are adhered to properly. Mr. Zinn presents to fellow committee members the “East Rock Sports Complex” proposal. Mr. Wilcox asked if something could be put together for the Board of Education approval. Mr. Zinn with Mr. Lamb state will prepare a memorandum regarding the overall renovation. Mr. Zinn states that we are looking to received funding from the state.

Mr. Wilcox makes a motion to approve the Wilbur Cross Field Renovations Grant acceptance, seconded by Mr. Gormany. (Motion Passed)

III. Stewardship Report: Mr. Lamb introduces our Director of Project Management Mr. Frank Fanelli and collectively they present the Stewardship Report.

In regard to Fire Protection Mr. Lamb presented a spreadsheet that outlined quotes for schools that require much needed upgrading to the fire systems.

Door repairs has made a lot of progress in regard to repairs on exterior doors. Cross in particular has been replaced and these repairs have assisted with security of the buildings as well. The loading dock doors at Clemente have been completed as well. But now that the larger repairs are completed, more of the other repairs can be completed as well.

Clock and Bell systems the materials for Beecher School has arrived, and are currently being coordinated for scheduling for repairs. The materials for Basset School are being shipped from Canada.



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**III. Stewardship
Report:
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Electronic Access Control is currently in Phase 5, Bill Zesner can speak on this at the next meeting. There has been a lot of movement and the work should be starting soon, once coordination is nailed down.

Long term facilities study has also made a lot of headway with the Capacity surveys that we have distributed to all the schools and have been forwarding them to the COO Office. We are hoping to have this wrapped up soon. We are also looking to implement or create an advisory panel that will review a lot of this information and develop recommendations that can be written into the report and the panel that is made up of multi-disciplinary team of teachers, administrators, board members, etc. looking at the information that is compiled and synthesize it into a report that is presentable in collaboration with Svigal. Which has been passed onto the superintendent for approval.

State construction projects, we have received the final audits for Davis and East Rock. They are being reviewed by the financial team, and once we have a update we will present it at the next meeting. The next three for audit are Clemente, Bowen Field, and Hill Central. Once we hear back from the state on when these will be scheduled we'll be sure to have all the appropriate documentation in place, so that when they are ready we are as well.

The filter replacement program, Spring replacements were completed last month. In the future some of the areas of concern will be funding for this program, the budget for the year initially was \$150,000.00 but with the upgrade to the stronger filter, came an increase in price. Which we currently were purchasing with ESSER funds which will need a funding source once those funds are depleted or not available.

**IV: Adult
Education
Update:**

Mr. Zinn began with stated that on the city side the acquisition of the two lots for the parking lot when through the city plan commission favorably, and the alder's approval soon. The samples and borings are being taken soon for the hazards testing. The next critical item is the monies for the design funds that was separately awarded by the State.

**V: Other
Business:**

Mr. Zinn states that United Illuminated has approached the City about battery storage that would provide back up battery capacity for both a potential shelter site, but also the circuits in the neighborhood that surrounds the area. For Career being a multijurisdictional site was an option they were looking at and was preferred. As it works well electrically on their side. Which would be able to provide back up power to the grid but also the school itself if needed. If



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**V: Other
Business:
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NHPS would allow it to be a host site. Mr. Lamb asked if he could provide more information on what the batteries look like, and how big they would be. The environmental impact they would have on the school, as well as logistics on vandalism and the risk overall. Mr. Zinn states that the batteries will be owned and maintained by United Illuminated. Mr. Wilcox, asks what the benefits for the district if we were to agree to this, since we would be allowing them a portion of the school's footprint. Mr. Zinn responds that it's an emergency management benefit, and if the power were out in the area the school would remain unaffected for a time due to the extra power stored there. Mr. Zinn then adds a study that was done that this type of proactiveness will reduce the number of black outs during the winter months, which those in New England states are more prone to.

Adjournment: Mr. Wilcox made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Zinn. Adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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