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Board of Education Educational Support Services Committee Meeting Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Call to Order:

Mr. John Kirkton – Chairperson called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

Roll Call:

Present Mr. Kirkton, Pastor Mensing, and Dave Corbin

Old Business – none

New Business –

Discuss water issues at Hillcrest and Tinley Park High Schools

The committee discussed the recent rainfall amounts and damage caused by the storms at Hillcrest and Tinley Park High Schools. Dr. Corbin indicated the effects of the recent weather have caused damage to the boiler and filter system for the pool at Hillcrest High School. He further explained a main shut-off valve will be updated during the summer of 2009. Tinley Park High School suffered flooding from south of the campus due to the high level of rain fall. Dr. Corbin indicated he would be exploring a solution to the flooding by reviewing the grade of the area with the staff at Tinley Park High School. He also indicated that the storm had ruined an ejection pump. The pump was used to control the amount of water in the area by redirecting it to the area south of the campus boundaries. The committee discussed the possibility of creating a retention pond to hold rain water in the future.

Reviewed summer 2008 - Capital Improvement Digital Presentation

Dr. Corbin presented a fifteen slide power point presentation of repairs made to the four high schools. He reviewed the work conducted in each building. He indicated through the aggressive bidding by the district, the cost of repairs to the buildings was 5% lower than the total amount budgeted last year. The work he reviewed included the installation of a new wooden basketball court floor at Hillcrest High School, a new track at Oak Forest, the repair and resurfacing of tennis courts at Bremen and Tinley Park High School. A new fire alarm system was installed at Oak Forest High School. The exterior windows on the west-side of the first and second floor at Bremen High School were replaced with energy efficient and low-e rated windows. The floor tile in the hallways at Oak Forest and in eleven classrooms and two offices was replaced at Tinley Park High School. Using grant funds, additional security cameras and recording devices were installed at the four high schools.

Reviewed and Discussed Lease v. Purchase of Drivers Education automobiles

Currently the district owns four station wagons, which are used as driver's education vehicles and to transport small groups of students to various events. The four vehicles are ten years old and as such need to be repaired frequently. The cost estimates for the repairs could exceed the value of the vehicles. Last year, a sum of \$15,000 per school was added to the capital improvements budget for the purchase of replacement vehicles. This summer Dr. Corbin completed a survey of nine local school districts and found that all but two were leasing vehicles from either the Saturn dealership of Oak Lawn, Orland Park or South Holland. Recently, Dr. Corbin obtained quotes from the auto dealerships in the local communities and found that only the Ford and Saturn dealerships in the area were willing to lease vehicles. While surveying the local dealerships he also obtained price quotes for new 2008 four door sedan vehicles. The data from the survey revealed that the Chevrolet and Ford dealerships offered a price of \$15,500 - \$15,900 for a four door, four cylinder vehicle and would accept the old station wagons as a trade-in at approximately \$500 – \$1,000. The Ford dealership and the Saturn dealerships offered lease options, however the Ford dealership was considerably higher when calculating the monthly costs and the potential cost of meeting any negative equity at the conclusion of the lease. The cost for leasing a vehicle through Saturn was \$295 per month. The Saturn dealership indicated they do not have a cost of covering any negative equity. The vehicles would be returned every four months or at the end of each semester without any penalties. Dr. Corbin explained while the cost of leasing a vehicle was nearly that of the purchase option, the district would not have to maintain the vehicles, they would always be new and safer than holding on to a car that is older than three years old. He also indicated that the district only pays for the months the vehicles are used.

Discussed the purpose and cost of the 10-year Life Safety Study

Dr. Corbin reviewed the requirement for the Life Safety Study to be conducted in the district during the 2008-2009 school year. He indicated that a quote was obtained from Architectural Resources Corporation, which is the architectural firm for District #228. He indicated the Illinois School Code requires that an architectural firm must be involved in the process 10 year Life Safety Study process and report submission. ARC will complete and approve all documents to be sent in to the Illinois State Board of Education. Prior to negotiations with ARC, Dr. Corbin surveyed surrounding districts. Administration in the surround districts indicated they have paid as much as \$150,000.00, at a rate of \$.10 per square foot. After negotiations with ARC, the company agreed to charge the district \$49,025.00. This value includes a survey of the schools which exclude areas of the build that were recently renovated (Hillcrest and Oak Forest High Schools). Also, ARC offered a rate of \$.07 per square foot rather than the \$.10 charged by other firms to our surrounding districts.

Announcements – None.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.