Facilities & Technology Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 5:30 PM  
355 Migeon Ave.

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 5:34 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Eucalitto, Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Fappiano, Ms. Mangan (Teacher Rep.)  
   Also Present: Ms. Hoehe, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Arum, Ms. Cappabianca,  
   Ms. Lubomski, Mr. Barlow, Ms. Schulte
3. Public Participation: None
4. Discussion/Next Steps:
   a. THS Capital Improvement Review: Mr. Arum shared a breakdown document of  
      the THS conceptual design estimate reflecting the magnitude of maintenance/repair equaling $112 million dollars. Mr. Eucalitto said, “We are not  
      going to be repairing anything, we are going to be replacing. The town would  
      budget for funding and receive reimbursement from the State. The state looks  
      down upon “band aiding” because it does not help the situation because you are  
      never really fixing anything.” Ms. Lubomski stated that the city is willing to sit  
      with us and to talk about addressing capital issues and concerns. Ms. Fappiano  
      asked if with the other schools, we would build a 5-year analysis list. Mr. Barlow  
      said, “Yes, that is the goal.” Ms. Cappabianca asked about the building permit  
      costs for the new construction. Mr. Arum said this could be waived. Ms.  
      Richardson asked what the abatement/demolition line item is for if this is only a  
      maintenance/repair project? Mr. Arum said, “We would have to remove all the  
      asbestos.” Ms. Cappabianca stated that an issue with a maintenance and repair  
      project is that you do not know when you will be doing any of these, so prices  
      will increase for every year it takes to complete the project. Mr. Barlow stated that  
      with new construction, the change orders are in the contract. However, with a  
      maintenance repair project like this, the change orders can cost a lot of money and  
      add up quickly. The maintenance and the repair project, does not include the
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educational piece, NEASC recommendations, pathways, accelerated programs, apprenticeships, labs, etc. that are all needed. Mr. Barlow and Mr. Maniccia stated that we would not get close to efficiency with a maintenance repair project that we would with a new building. The new building would save us a lot of costs. Mr. Arum stated that the state wants the new school to pass. Ms. Cappabianca asked if it does not pass, what is our next plan? Mr. Eucalitto stated that we must address the abatement in the gym. Ms. Cappabianca hopes that people do not decide their vote on the new building, because they think there is a cheaper option, there really is not.

5. Comments for the Good of the Order
   Mr. Kissko – “Good meeting.”

6. Adjournment: Mr. Maniccia made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Fappiano. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 P.M.