

Laconia School Board Facilities Committee

July 27, 2023 / Minutes submitted by Bob Champlin on behalf of the SAU

Present: Board members Nick Grenon (Chair), Karin Salome, and Laura Dunn; Bill Caruso, Bob Champlin, and Chad Monterose.

1. LHS ESSER Project Update: Chad Monterose of RFS and Keith Kelley of Harvey Construction offered the following:
  - a. The project is on track and at budget with all the subcontractors in place
  - b. Currently, the LHS Kitchen grease trap will be installed after Homecoming Weekend, on Tuesday, March 10th. (a number of logistical events will take place prior to the start of the onsite construction.)
  - c. On Monday, November 27, the demolition of the Kitchen will begin. (Again, there will be a number of tasks that take place before this including the construction of the temporary serving line and the storage of current kitchen equipment.)
  - d. The next step is for us to present to the full School Board on Tuesday, August 8th. Harvey will offer specific budget numbers including a “Guaranteed Maximum”.
    - i. There will be adjustments throughout the project. We already know that we have some asbestos that will need to be abated and RPF is dialing this in.
    - ii. We also know we will get a credit for removing the urinals and associated fixtures and walls that are currently in the design.

The bottom line is the project is where we want it. There are amazing possibilities that we will promote and consider going forward. There is also the potential for unanticipated challenges. Feels great to have RFS & Harvey at the point.

2. FD Caruso offered a Projects Update: The most important issue for the committee and our school district is the lighting of our school parking lots. EMC has ordered #62 replacement lights that should be here by August 4th and will be stored in the automotive area on pallets. EMC will come with two bucket trucks and have them all replaced before staff return for this school year.
  - a. PSS Playground Equipment: O'Brien came to PSS and fixed all the equipment which now can be used as summer school wraps up.
  - b. FD Caruso presented the work to have the back and front entrances of the SAU scraped, painted and new railings installed.
  - c. We also talked about our LHS Walkthrough with P Hinds and AP Boyle. One critical goal is to create two spaces where the #60 LHS Staff can go between classes. LHS is our only school that does not have a "Teachers Room".

The consensus of the Facilities Committee was to MAKE SURE the Parking Lot Lights are completely functioning before school starts. The Committee also supported all the ongoing projects and the need to put funds into the LHS Staff Room.

3. Playground Project: BM Dunn reported out on all that has happened since the last Facilities Committee meeting. The leadership group has had several meetings and communications. All systems are go, including having the full committee meet in early August and then having the vendors present to the committee in late August. We are also working on the sequence of the launch of the ALL Elementary Playground Capital Campaign. BM Dunn reported that B&P has discussed helping the playground committee succeed if the delta was close. The bottom line is that the Facilities Committee and Full Board is in favor of getting this project completed in this coming year.
4. Bank of NH Scoreboard Donation: We announced that the McCabe Family is donating a new scoreboard for the Bank of NH Stadium to be dedicated to Coach Dave McCabe. The committee was grateful and impressed by the McCabe family contribution. This will be brought before the Full School Board for approval on August 8th.