**Seneca Township High School**

**Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.**

**Superintendent’s Conference Room**

Present: Dan Stecken, Cory Yandell, Ron Frye, Jim Harsted

Absent: Joe Johnson, Stacey Gould

A. Public Comment – None

B. Building, Grounds & Transportation

1. Building Services Report – Jim Harsted presented the building services report and discussed the recent issues with repairs to the industrial washing machine, electrical concerns in the 78-boiler room, ACU Units 1 and 6 needing repair/replacement, hot water heater concerns, and other smaller repairs. Mr. Harsted also discussed the replacement cooler merchandisers in the kitchen. He also gave an update on the baseball netting project, as well as the track discus project. Mr. Harsted explained that the recent rain has made mowing a chore to keep up with around the campus.
2. Facility Plan Updates
   1. Dr. Stecken presented an updated facility master plan, discussing the recent completed projects: (1) 1978 boiler upgrades, (2) recent 98 and 94 chillers, (3) parking lot re-seals, and (4) tuckpointing attention. He then also discussed current ongoing projects: (1) baseball netting project, (2) gymnasium addition and roadway reconfiguration, (3) kitchen and Ag wall mural work, and (4) track discus repaired areas. He then talked about upcoming projects needing timelines: (1) FFA kitchen project, (2) dance studio film room, (3) 1978 elevator replacement, (4) HLS roof repair, (5) ACU 1 and ACU 6 chiller replacements, amongst other projects. Dr. Stecken also mentioned he recently received a rough estimate for locker replacements, but it was quite costly.
   2. Gymnasium Addition Project Updates
      1. Change Orders – Dan reviewed the series of change orders from the past couple months. Dan mentioned some of the change orders are frustrating because of higher cost labor-intensive projects and the shale rock in the ground that is creating the need for additional digging, rock, and back-fill.
      2. Various Updates – Dan shared other construction updates including observation reports from the architects.
   3. Interior School Culture Projects: Dan gave a report of the upcoming installation of the FFA wall and kitchen rebranding of the “Irish Café.”
3. Health Life Safety Project Updates – Dan presented an update on the current Health, Life, & Safety projects including the completion of the boiler, tuckpointing, and the completed parking lots. Dan stated the next HLS projects will be the elevator, fixing the 2011/2012 roof membrane, and potential future tuckpointing. Dan presented the

already BOE approved elevator project, but also presented the Scope Change 2 for the roof repairs to begin in Spring of 2024.

1. Vehicle Rotation Update – Dan reviewed the vehicle rotation report and stated that the while a couple months ago the district had not been putting the miles on the vans as expected, with two new out-of-district special ed routes the van mileage is increasing. We have budgeted to replace one van this spring and one the following year, so we will monitor that usage. Dan also reviewed the ongoing bus usage, with limited mileage, it still doesn’t make sense to trade one in at the moment, however in July when the MVK lease ends we may have an opportunity to purchase a used bus if needed. In reviewing the vehicle rotation list, it was also noted that the Land Lab’s zero turn mower is in rough shape, the Ag truck is due for a trade in the next fiscal year, and we will approach selling the field painting SmithCo machine.
2. Track Fencing – Dan and Jim reviewed the condition of our 4’ high track border chain link fencing. While it is still in solid shape, there are many rust spots. Dan presented multiple options including, removing and replacing the fence, attempting to paint the fence, and/or installing an Irish Pride decorative wind screen to dress up the space. It was decided at this point that Jim and Dan will continue to investigate options, including researching painting the fence and determining at a later date if the windscreen option was one to entertain.
3. HVAC Update – Dan and Jim reviewed the master list of 17 chillers, 9 boilers, and 3 rooftop combo heat/cooling units in the district. Current smaller chiller units ASU 1 and ASU 6 are limping along and need replacement for next summer chilling season. Dan has researched purchasing direct through the OMNIA Co-Op program and having Ruyle as the installer. The cost to replace both chillers is $164,000 but includes a $50,000 maintenance grant reimbursement through ISBE.
4. Land Lab – Dr. Stecken presented cost estimates to install Wi-Fi and security cameras with door access controls at the Land Lab. It was discussed that this project would be able to comingle with our current Avigilon security system on the main campus.

C. Other – Dan discussed the bids for excavation of the track discuss area.

D. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

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