

**BOARD OF EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
BUDGET & FACILITIES MEETING  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 11, 2016  
8:15 a.m. Daly Annex – BOE Conference Room**

Attendance: BOE Members – Karen Sloan, Chris Nadolne, Lawrence Greenstein, Nora Johnson, Beth Weisburd, Dr. Kathleen Mooney, Superintendent of Schools, Mary Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Jim Ristano, Director of Facilities, Stephanie Joannon, Director of Athletics, Elaine Fenick, Human Resources Administrator. Approximately five residents also attended.

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Turf Fields Visits:**

Stephanie Joannon and Jim Ristano visited the following schools to exam their recently installed Turf Fields: Pleasantville High School – Organic Infill (Cork and Coconut Hair), Riverdale School – Organic Infill (GreenPlay), Brunswick School – Organic Infill (GreenPlay), Greenwich High School – Crumb Rubber and Bellmore Merrick – Cool Fill (SprinTurf). They reported that each school is satisfied with what they had installed. They did indicate that the organic fields do require more maintenance can be more expensive to manage. Additional infill is also needed each year and is an expense that should be taken into consideration with budgetary costs. One bag of organic infill can be \$1,700 and when filling large fields the cost escalates quickly. The district's architects, BBS, will attend the next scheduled Board Meeting and present their findings from their experience as it relates to turf fields. In addition, Stephanie Joannon will prepare a summary of the turf fields that she and Jim Ristano examined.

**K Solar Proposal:**

K Solar conducted an analysis for all buildings in the district to find savings wherever possible. The company reported a savings of \$35,000 annually for four buildings. This did not prove to be a great amount in savings fire management on roofs was a concern as well. K Solar did supply a list of schools as references but to date not one district has moved forward with a solar panel project.

**Interview Date for Construction Management Firms:**

An RFP was sent to thirteen construction management firms for the district's bond project. Seven responded. Interviews will be scheduled with the first four companies who have managed projects of a similar size and scale.

**Bond Phasing:**

The schedule of the bond phasing coincides with the budget process. Population growth in several schools has become problematic. Currently, both Manorhaven Elementary School and Guggenheim Elementary School are growing rapidly and will not have enough classrooms. In addition, Jim Ristano will follow up with BBS regarding plans that were submitted for review at the State Education Department. There currently is a back log for reviews and the district would like to move ahead with work scheduled for summer 2016.

**Property Sale:**

The appraisal of the district's Sands Point property located on Middle Neck Road will be completed within the next day or two. As soon as the appraisal is received it will be forwarded to the Board for review and consideration.

**Community Forum/Dates:**

A community forum is scheduled for February 23, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the budget, the tax cap and the impact that it would have on the community.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 28, 2016 – 2016 -17 Budget Discussion & Construction Manager Interviews  
Please note start time is 8:00 a.m. for this one meeting.