

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING FOR ROCKDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT 84

715 Meadow Avenue Rockdale, Illinois, Tuesday, October 25, 2022
Conference Room – 5:00 p.m.

[Meeting Minutes - April 17, 2022](#)

[Meeting Minutes - August 10, 2022](#)

[Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2022](#)

1. Call meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call of Committee Members
3. Public Comment
4. Review Committee Purpose:
 - a. A meeting convened by the Superintendent in order to make recommendations to the Board of Education.
 - i. Establishing priorities for maintenance, repair, renovation
 - ii. Examine district practices and work to align with legal requirements
 - iii. Consider how decisions made by the Facilities Committee relates to improved student outcomes.
5. FY23 Maintenance Grant Update.
 - a. Sewer/plumbing upgrades
6. Adjacent Property - Shep's
 - a. Update
 - i. We are recommend to the Board that we move forward with acquiring the alley from the village regardless of the acquisition of the Sheps property
7. Selection of Performance Contractor
 - a. For work completed in summer 2023
 - b. Benefits/Drawbacks of Both Contractors
 - c. Discussion/Questions
 - d. Determine Recommendation to Provide to the Board
8. Other
9. Adjournment

Minutes:

Engaged in further discussion relative to the selection of a performance contractor to partner with as we prepare to complete the necessary facilities work scheduled for next summer.

Updates were provided regarding the Board approving the \$50,000 School Maintenance Project Grant, and Gerry Phillips connecting Val Vengegas to us as another contact for the old Shep's property.

Dr. Merritt has reached out to Val three times (two phone calls and one text) over the last twenty-four hours. He is awaiting her response.

Dr. Merritt expressed he is very proud of the collaborative discussion that each member of the committee participated in last night. The discussion began with a review of some of the discussion points from previous meetings and a brief review of proposed scope of work and associated costs. Each member of the committee was provided an opportunity to share their thoughts relative to all of the information that has been provided to us by both Engie and Veregy since the beginning of August. As each member shared their thoughts, other members of the committee had a chance to interject respectfully to share a response or thought, in a collaborative manner. After the pro and cons of each contractor were shared and

discussed, we concluded the meeting by asking each member to share a final thought and which contractor they select to partner with. Although Jeff was not able to attend, he did share a summary of his thoughts prior to the meeting started, which was read to all committee members. Out of the seven members, two members were in support of Engie; three members were in support of Veregy; and two were very much on the fence. The two who were on the fence shared that they felt most comfortable with following the lead of Chuck, as our Director of Grounds, since he would be the one to work most closely with the contractor throughout the process. Therefore, those two selected Veregy. In the end, using a voting approach much like we do with approvals during Board meetings, the committee selected Veregy in a 5-2 vote as our recommended performance contractor to partner with for this first phase of work coming up during the summer of 2023.

It is important to note, the committee was also adamant in communicating to Veregy that the success of this first phase of work would be key in determining if we continue to move forward with their partnership in future phases of facilities upgrades.