

Slate Valley Modified Unified Union School District  
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting  
Monday, July 30, 2018  
Fair Haven Union High School  
5:30 PM

Approved Minutes

In Attendance: Chris Cole, Brooke Olsen-Farrell, Amy Munger, Trevor Ezzo, Rick Wilson, Tara Buxton, Mark Cassidy, Dave Ward, Mike Bache

Call to Order: Trevor Ezzo called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Amy Munger made a motion to approve the Agenda; this was seconded by Mike Bache. Motion carried.

Approval if Minutes: June 12, 2018: Rick Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/12/18 with no changes; this was seconded by Mike Bache; there were 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Building Projects Update: Chris will provide the committee with a tour of the building and all the changes at FHUHS, as well as a pictorial tour of the other School work sites, and completed work.

Benson Village School: Exterior Base Trim around all of Benson Village School with PVC, replaced 85% of school over 218 feet. Where the library meets the side of the building, further up the wall was already rotted, this was by the Propane Tank. Ryan is doing some of the other repairs. Drainage is also being repaired in Benson, when it rains it holds about 4 inches of rain. A new culvert will be added to redirect, and re-ditch Matt Thomas will regrade and do the work, estimated at \$4,000.00 (includes front catch basin work as well). In Benson another classroom will receive new tile, taking out carpet in another classroom. Amy Munger asked if the windows were being addressed. Mark Cassidy said they are all being repaired and new sashes are on order for some of the windows, such as in the library. New staff member in Benson, Ryan W. He was able to train for two weeks with Dan R. The nature trail will be brush hogged. The path will be done at least once a year. Saved two freezers at Benson.

Fair Haven Grade School: Repaired line for the underground propane tank. Big walk in freezer at FHGS is not working properly. This was not figured into the budget and one estimate is about \$12,000.00. We need to get a few more estimates. This is a have to repair. The budget will be adjusted elsewhere.

Castleton Elementary School: New electrical service panel is up and running and they did a really good job. Chris was able to show several pictures of the improved power panels. The power cables were buried. A load test was done on the generator. A 600 amp surge protector was installed as part of the project. Concrete was repaired at CES. New post supports were done. Ellis Concrete was hired and did a good job. Other concrete work was done in the back of the building and also a new sidewalk by the Music Room. Ellis also built the pavilion at CES which was developed through donations. The project cost about \$14,000.00. The generator at CES has also been worked on. Dan Gray is doing some new LED lights to the front of the building at CES. He is working on all the schools.

Castleton Village School: General Maintenance work is nearly completed. The projects that we need to do at CVS are quite expensive and will be done over the next few years. The old fence on the right side will be taken down by Mark Cassidy and crew. The gym floor and hallways will be waxed the first full week in August. The air handlers are needing replacement, this will be done over the next few years.

Casella's will be the waste hauler for all the schools. We will now have one vendor instead of 5 different vendors.

Fair Haven UHS does not have a generator, nor does Castleton Village School or Benson.

Chris Cole provided the update on the FHUHS construction project. The second floor hallway tile work is completed. The tile project for the second floor was about \$13,000.00. The Board did a building tour of the changes, both inside and outside improvements.

Other: There was discussion of the Orwell new town hall. Chris Cole explained that ARSU was asked to work with Orwell on looking into the feasibility of a new Town Hall/Multipurpose gym/cafeteria and that there was a committee formed. One proposal was that the old town hall would be demoed/demolished and a new building built; an RFP was put together for proposals. A bond project would go out to voters preferably by March for a vote. Proposals will be back by August on the current RFP. T. Ezzo as a member of the School Board in this community feels that this is a slap in the face to see this go forward with the idea that SVMUUSD would have to potentially take on this debt as Orwell has not wanted any part of SVMUUSD. Others have expressed similar sentiments and angst about this new proposed building. Brooke explained, The State will likely make a recommendation that Orwell needs to go with Slate Valley. The Slate Valley voters will then need to vote to accept Orwell into Slate Valley. If Slate Valley were to hold a separate vote to allow them in prior to March, Orwell could not hold a separate bond vote after that date if they were already part of Slate Valley. It would be a Slate Valley Bond vote instead. There is a special Board meeting in Orwell this Wednesday, August 1, 2018 to discuss their presentation to the State Board on Act 46, currently there seems to be a split within the Orwell Board in regards to support of the merger. Community members will have limited opportunity to speak at the State Board meeting in regards to Orwell and Act 46. Chris Cole shared the RFP sent out by the Orwell Board.

Vehicle for Dave Ward to do the maintenance work for the district. No truck was found for Dave that is acceptable, safe and an investment. The closest one was \$16,000 and without the plow which is another \$6,000.00. The Board needs to address this. The Vehicle fund from FHGS was originally \$13,000.00. The committee could make a recommendation to the greater SVMUUSD to increase this amount to a more acceptable level. The committee authorizes Chris Cole to look at additional Slate Valley reserve accounts or whatever is necessary. We need to do something before fall and the rise in prices of vehicles for the winter months. Perhaps some money can be reallocated from Building and Grounds, and we might be able to push back some of the other projects.

#### Agenda Building:

1. There was discussion about the need to meet on August 20, 2018; Chris Cole can include any new information in his SVMUUSD report. Chris Cole and Brooke are meeting with the Town Manager in Fair Haven next week on August 9 at 1pm. Building and Grounds members were invited to attend this meeting if available. An update can be provided as to this meeting as an agenda item if there is a meeting on 8/20/18.
2. Office move and logistics could be on agenda if this meeting should happen.
3. Budget discussion will need to start.

4. Adding a Generator to FHUHS, the committee asks to look through emergency management funds to see if there are any grants out there to fund such a project.
5. The board retreat was originally scheduled for October 13, 2018; we may need to move this earlier. New dates could be proposed and discussed for the SVMUUSD on 8/13/18.

Adjourn: Mike Bache made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. This was seconded by Rick Wilson. Motion carried.

Next SVMUUSD Building & Grounds Committee Mtg. -- August 20, 2018 --FHUHS --5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Bonnie Lenihan