

**Slate Valley Unified Union School District  
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting  
Monday, January 7, 2019  
Fair Haven Union High School  
5:30 PM**

Approved Minutes

**Attending:** David Renninger, Trevor Ezzo, Brook Olsen-Farrell, Chris Cole, Kris Benway, Rick Wilson, Amy Munger, Peter Stone, Shannon Baldwin, Tara Buxton and Bonnie Lenihan

**Call to Order:** Shannon Baldwin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Trevor Ezzo made a motion to approve the agenda, this was seconded by Amy Munger and motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes ~ December 11, 2018:** Peter Stone made a motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2018, this was seconded by Trevor Ezzo. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Innovation Project:** Brooke gave an overview of the committee work by Elementary, Middle School and High School Innovation teams. They had focused their work and each team presented a list of educational specifications related to the specific team configurations. These recommendations were reviewed by the Admin team and will go the Innovation Committee on 1/9/19 for final approval and are then slated to go as a recommendation to be shared with SVUUSD Board on 1/14/19. Brooke stated that copies of all of these meetings are available on the SVUUSD website and hopes all Board members will review the work of these teams to understand how they have arrived at the recommendations they have. She credited the hard work and countless hours that these three committees, Elementary, Middle and High School have done in their work with Consultant, Peter Clark. She also mentioned that there will be two community forums held for the public on Wednesday, January 23rd at 6 p.m. at the FHUHS Library Media Center and again on Saturday, January 26th at 10:00 am, same location to share and garner input with community members.

**Parking Lot/Ball Field (FHGS):** Chris Cole and Brooke shared that they had attempted to work with the Town of Fair Haven to discuss sharing surveying costs for the work that is needed to transfer properties. The town wants the School District to take on these costs alone. The Building and Grounds Committee said we need to clear this up once and for all and told Chris and Brooke to move forward with the necessary surveying so that this could be resolved.

**Other:** Chris Cole began by recognizing Dave Ward and the crew at the high school that has worked hard to address many of the heating issues there. To date approximately \$10,000-\$15,000.00 has been spent in repairs to the heating system.

Chris Cole shared that Black River Design had visited FHUHS to look at existing heating, electrical and plumbing systems and to make a recommendation for what should be considered moving forward. He shared a draft engineering report with the committee. There were several recommendations which included oil tank replacement options, biomass, reuse of existing air ducts, electrical, and plumbing. It was discussed that some of the building and Grounds committee members visited some of the school's that recently had converted to the biomass systems.

Chris Cole next discussed the Orwell project. Brooke and Chris Cole need direction from the Building and Grounds Committee as how to proceed at Orwell. Lengthy discussion ensued. Brooke said that it would be her and Chris' recommendation to research/complete surveys prior to June 30 while also completing title searches. The committee also thought we should abandon the Town Hall, and discuss new construction that adds on to the existing building to address the ADA Compliance issues for all visitors as well as creating a multipurpose facility. Peter Stone agreed to talk with the Select Board to share the thinking of the committee to turn the Town Hall back to the Town of Orwell. He also will discuss with them that as community members in Orwell, town's people will have access to any new facility as is the case in all of our communities. We have building and use procedures for accessing the school facilities and this would not change. The Committee also asked Peter to assure the Select Board that we would discuss providing maintenance to the building over the scope of the next couple of years and would take care of necessary maintenance issues to keep the building safely operational in the interim.

Chris Cole discussed with the Committee the use of the remaining \$12,000.00 from the Orwell Town School District's original funds to continue to explore the renovation project in Orwell. The Committee agreed this would be an appropriate use of these funds.

**Agenda Building:**

1. Same agenda items as listed above with an update on Orwell Meeting with Select Board, Update on Innovations Committee, any new information re: Proposed Surveys for FHGS and Orwell.

Executive Session was recommended for purpose of discussing Real Estate. Trevor Ezzo made a motion to go into Executive Session for purpose of discussion of Real Estate at 6:18 p.m., this was seconded by Amy Munger; no action is expected. At 6:22 p.m. Peter Stone made a motion to come out of Executive Session, this was seconded by Amy Munger.

**Adjourn:** At 6:27 p.m., Trevor Ezzo made a motion to adjourn, this was seconded by David Renninger.

Submitted by Bonnie Lenihan

Next SVUUSD Building & Grounds Committee Mtg. ~ February 5, 2019 ~ FHUHS ~ 5:30 p.m.