

SLATE VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
INNOVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

August 5, 2019

Slate Valley Conference Room

5:30 p.m.

Approved Minutes

Attending: Brooke Olsen Farrell, Dean Angeledes, Presenter from Johnson Controls, Peter Stone, Josh Burlette, Angela Charron, Amy Munger, Walter Ripley, Cheryl Scarzello, Rick Wilson, Josh Hardt, Bonnie Lenihan

Call to Order: Brooke Olsen Farrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Peter Stone made a motion to approve the agenda and this was seconded by Amy Munger.

Approval of Minutes - June 24, 2019: Peter Stone made a motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2019, this was seconded by Angela Charron. There was (1) abstention.

New Business:

- Presentation by Johnson Controls - Energy Savings Performance Contract
Brooke introduced Dean Angeledes and shared that he was here to talk to the Innovation Committee about the possibility of an Energy Savings Performance Contract. She indicated that if we use an Energy Savings Performance Contract it may lessen the need for the amount of the bond that the district needs.

Dean shared that an Energy Performance Contract is most simply put a way for school systems to bundle together and then to use the savings generated by these projects to pay for the cost of the project. Dean spoke of a current project he is involved in at Rutland City which is in Phase 3 and is a \$3,000,000.00 project. He encouraged members to go and visit the site. He shared that Rutland had been cash flow positive for the last two years.

He and an Engineer would come on site and do an analysis to see how much savings can be generated to take care of as many projects as possible. Dean share that Johnson Controls is very active in schools and understands STEM, and believes strongly in the sciences and helps create tools for students to use. Dean's hope is that the Innovation Committee would make a recommendation to the full board to move forward with this Exploratory Process. He shared that there is nothing to lose by going forward with a preliminary audit. Dean shared with the committee that there are no initial start up costs to begin this project. He and another team member would come and provide a rudimentary analysis of past utility, along with walkthroughs of the buildings being considered, and then they would generate a plan of proposed savings. They also would delineate a plan for the proposed work schedule. Dean mentioned that these plans could be financed up to 20 years. Some members asked if this would create a conflict with the solar work we had just agreed to take on at a former meeting. Cheryl shared that Johnson Controls is aware of this earlier decision and would agree to work with and or around it. Cheryl indicated this project would still have to go to bid for RFQ, Request for Qualifications. Dean recognized that there may be others that bid on the project but reminded us that they do this work with a guarantee. He said they pay the customer the difference if they didn't figure it right upfront. Dean said that it makes sense not to bond things that could be addressed or absorbed through energy efficiency. He mentioned that there are 9 or 10 different financing vehicles that

Johnson Control offers. Cheryl mentioned that now that we are one district we can look at all buildings within SV to generate the proposed savings. The question was asked by Peter Stone if the efficiencies would be listed by individual buildings, Dean said yet but also collectively. Rick Wilson made a motion to recommend to the full Board on Monday, August 12, 2019. Peter Stone seconded this. Dean explained that he would start with an analysis of current and past electrical bills, do a walk through of every building with our Facilities Manager and talk about and generate a report of the scope of the work to be done and then his company would validate that the work that could be done would result in an Energy Savings or he would not make a recommendation to move further.

Brooke and Cheryl shared there are some concerns with the current architect working on the high school and the work that Johnson Controls might propose. The two systems have to match up. Johnson Controls will still do a walkthrough of FHUHS and can use the energy savings in the calculation of the project, but it may be too complicated to have two different entities working on the high school project.

- Communications Timeline - Community Feedback - Further Review of Talking Points
Brooke handed out the plan that had been shared earlier in June and asked for feedback. She had received no feedback about the proposed Communication Plan since it has been handed out. She reminded Board Members that these were the talking point that all should be referencing when out in the community so that the same information was being relayed to the public. Brooke shared some of the ideas that she and Josh Burlette has Come up with as additional ways to get accurate information out to the public about the Scope of the Innovation Project work; such as Quarterly Newsletter, different social media Platforms, Benson Newsletter, a large scale mailing to all taxpayers was seen by many on the committee as the most effective.

- Next Steps

- 1) Fall Planning and Meeting Schedule

A meeting time was set for August 28, 2019 at 5:30. At this meeting we will be looking at Orwell's preliminary drawings and setting up/scheduling some community forums. Brooke said we will also need to look further at the Personnel needed as we move forward. She also mentioned that she had been in touch with Castleton University to see if they are still interested in acquiring the property currently known as CVS, they still are.

- Public Comments: None
- Adjournment: Peter Stone made a motion to adjourn at 6:49 p.m., this was seconded by Amy Munger.

Respectfully Submitted, Bonnie Lenihan