

Greenville Central School District
Board of Education
Minutes
Tour of Facilities
Monday
September 21, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Ellis Elementary School
Ellis Café

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Education for a Tour of the Facilities was held on Monday, September 21, 2009 commencing in the Scott M. Ellis Cafeteria. Mr. Wilton Bear, Jr., President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. Members present

Wilton Bear, Jr.
Tina Dombroski
Ann Holstein (6:20 p.m.)
Gregory Lampman
Lawrence Tompkins

Members absent:

Anne Mitchell
Rosanne Stapleton

Others present:

Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintendent
Donna Accuosti, Elementary Assistant Principal
Colleen Hall, Director of Curriculum &
Communications
Lisa Knowles, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Michael Laster, High School Principal
Peter Mahan, Elementary School Principal
Karen Morin, Supervisor of Transportation
Brian Reeve, Middle School Principal
Robert Schrader, Supervisor of Buildings &
Grounds
Scott Turrin, Assistant High School Principal &
Director of Athletics

There were no visitors to the meeting

II. Approval of Agenda

Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda for the meeting of September 21, 2009.

III. Action Item: A

Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Lawrence Tompkins and carried unanimously to approve item (A-1):

A. School Management

1. Approve Overnight Field Trip

Trip destination: National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN

Dates: Leaving Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009 at 6:00 AM
Returning Sunday, Oct 25, 2009 at 9:00 PM

Students: Approximately ten (10) Senior FFA (Future Farmers of America) students

Chaperones: Mark Cunnann (Michela Kehrer, if needed)

IV. Tour of Facilities

Elementary School:

Peter Mahan, Principal

Donna Accuosti, Assistant Principal

Connecting Addition and Elevator

(Capital Project / EXCEL ~ Expanding our Children's Education and Learning)

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) approved the plans and specifications for this project on August 27, 2008. The work for this project was bid and substantially completed with winter conditions and unforeseen excavation issues by the end of May 2009. The design features of exterior glass, interior and brick colors as well as door hardware were selected to have the structure blend with the existing facility. The addition allows for natural lighting while complying with high performance guidelines for energy conservation. This addition now allows individuals with mobility disabilities to access the entire school without traveling outside in adverse weather providing equity in access to programs and events for all students, staff, and visitors.

Stair Tower – New Paint: (Annual Budget Maintenance Funding):

This stair tower was only used occasionally and for emergency evacuations. Use has greatly increased with the new addition due to the ability to traverse the east and west wings, the cafeteria and library media areas. Using annual maintenance funds, J.A.C Painting (a local contractor) repainted all the walls, risers, and metal work with colors were selected to compliment the new addition. The Buildings and Grounds staff stripped and refinished the flooring. Lighting has been upgraded appropriate for the vintage of the original school building.

Future needs:

Ellis Café floor: This floor tile was installed in 1996 when the cafeteria was moved to this area. Due to the nature of daily use and cleaning along with VCT (vinyl composition tile), life expectancy of fifteen (15) to eighteen (18) years this floor will need replacement next year. Consideration will be given to installing an epoxy floor that has a high durability and good appearance.

New Floor Boost Scrubber:

This machine arrived over the summer and is a great addition to the equipment used for cleaning. At the present time it is used for the daily floor cleaning of the cafeteria. In the summer it was used to strip wax off the floors using just water with no chemicals. This is safer for Buildings & Grounds staff, all employees, and students, is more environmental friendly, and saves on the cost of chemicals. The goal is to purchase two more over the next several years.

Replace Dry Wall and Tile in Boys' Bathroom

(Annual Budget Maintenance Funding)

This bathroom was in need of wall repair due to age, construction (wallboard), moisture content, poor ventilation and sanitary/odor issues. Last winter a new heat unit was installed. This summer Buildings and Grounds staff removed the walls due to mold and deterioration, installed new studs, painted metal with rust prohibiting paint, installed new dry wall and ceramic tile for increased cleanliness.

Future work needed: additional student and adult bathrooms.

At present there are 59 people using these bathrooms, not counting the new conference room. In addition these bathrooms should be ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant.

Replace Classroom Floor Room 90 and Conference Room

(Annual Budget Maintenance Funding)

The carpeting in these two rooms was at the end of their useful life. Wood floors were installed to enhance air quality, providing floors that could be easily cleaned and to enhance the appearance of the rooms. Both rooms were painted. The teacher, Ms.

Sheila Brady sent the following message last week, “I wanted to send a big **THANK YOU** to everyone involved in creating my "new" classroom. The room is bright, inviting and a pleasure to work in.”

One of the rooms was converted to a conference room for district wide use the only one of which provides for seating of more than eight people and can be used while classes are in session. Wiring was installed to provide a teaching station, a mobile lap top cart, telephone, and teleconferencing capabilities, and a Promethean Board.

Court Yard (Court Yard Plantings and Stained Tables)

(Capital Project/EXCEL Funding and Annual Budget Maintenance Funds)

The area that was excavated for new drainage was made into a garden to bring color, beauty, and a warmer friendlier appearance. All the outside furniture was stained, an old storage shed and all piping that used to surround the old propane tanks were removed. The new addition has made courtyard less exposed to the elements increasing use by students and faculty. The ornamental Japanese maple tree was donated by Les Lawlor of Keystone Construction.

Re-location of the propane tank

(Capital Project/EXCEL Funding)

Four (4) propane tanks were re-located to the back of the school.

New Electrical Transformer

(2008/2009 Carryover for Health & Safety)

The old transformers were off the courtyard under the core of the school. The new, larger capacity transformer from Central Hudson has been located at the front south end of the school. The new location was chosen for safety, accessibility and to keep the costs down due to wire size and cable runs.

Tree Removal at the Front of Ellis

(Annual Budget Maintenance Funds)

The two spruce trees were removed due to potential damage to the school building and neither was healthy. The one in the north lawn had already split losing half of the tree with the remaining portion having signs of rot in the base. The tree in the south lawn had a split running to the roots. The trees were removed by a private contractor. With the trees removed, the original grandeur of the front of the school is now visible.

Campus: Path between Ellis and High School: Dedication of Baseball Field to Coach Mabee To the right is the location of the where the rock will go that will include a plaque dedicating the baseball field to Coach Mabee, which is scheduled for Saturday October 3rd, Homecoming Weekend.

Transportation

Karen Morin, Transportation Supervisor

Bus Van

(Bus Proposition and Bond)

This is one of the new vans purchased as a result of the Bus Proposition approved by the voters last May. The new van that can transport individuals requiring wheel chairs is expected soon.

Buildings and Grounds

Robert Schrader, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

Truck

(Annual Budget Equipment Fund)

This new vehicle replaced our 1999 Ford (a trade-in which reduced the actual cost of the new truck to the District. Please note the “Tommy Power Lift Gate” on the back of this truck. This lift gate has been used dozens of times over the last few months increasing productivity and safety for employees.

High School

Michael Laster, Principal

Scott Turrin, Assistant Principal & Director of Athletics

Entrance Doors with Proximity Key Card System*(Annual Budget Maintenance Funds)*

The right hand door is now controlled by a “proximity reader” card door locking system. All employees have been assigned a card that can be used to access the selected doors to the school eliminating the need for keys. The system can track hours of usage, monitor card entries, and in the case of a lost card be programmed to deny entry. There are four doors completed under this first phase. If these doors are opened without a card, an alarm is activated greatly improving the security of the campus.

Food Services

Paul Ventura, Food Services Supervisor

Kitchen range*(Annual Equipment Funds)*

The kitchen equipment now includes a new range. This range arrived last week and was included in the long-range equipment purchase plan.

Room 221 ~ ACCES Classroom**Adolescents Creating Character in the Educational Setting***(Annual Maintenance Funds)*

This room was renovated from Head Start room to a high school classroom. This required relocating the washer & dryer that home careers, kitchen, athletics, and buildings and grounds uses to a custodial closet. A loft and a number of cabinets were removed and /or modified. Sinks were raised and piping insulated to meet ADA code requirements. The room was painted, carpeting replaced, and electrical and IT wiring was added. A SMART Board with LCD projector was installed along with phones and laptop technology for students.

Middle School:

Brian Reeve, Principal

Room 402 ~ ACCES Classroom**Adolescents Creating Character in the Educational Setting***(Annual Maintenance Funds)*

This room and relocated lockers were painted and new wiring for LCD, SMART Board, laptop technology for students and an air conditioner were installed.

Rooms 504, 505, 507, 510 (Annual Maintenance Funds)

Several of the foreign language rooms for both High School and Middle School were relocated to this area. In addition a SMART Board was added to room 507.

Transportation:

Karen Morin, Transportation Supervisor

Heating and Lighting in Bus Bays*(Annual Maintenance Funding)*

The bus bays were originally illuminated by amber high pressure sodium lights. These lights were mounted high in the ceiling and provided poor quality light at the working level and the mechanics required auxiliary lighting for most of their work. Buildings and Grounds staff installed the new fixtures lower and closer to the working area creating more light in the work area. The light fixtures are energy efficient T-5 lamps. The next improvement is the installation of a propane furnace to supplement the radiant heat in the bays. Due to the many buses that are in and out of the bays during the course of a day, the addition of the furnace provided heat to maintain an adequate working temperature at a five (5) foot height for the mechanics.

V. Executive Session

At 7:30 p.m. Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. At 8:00 p.m. Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to return to open session

VI. Adjournment

At 8:01 p.m. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk Pro-Tem

Board of Education President