

Slate Valley Unified Union School District  
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting  
Monday, April 20, 2020  
Virtual Meeting  
5:30 PM

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Approved Minutes

**Attending:** Brook Olsen-Farrell, Peter Stone, Chris Cole, Tara Buxton, Tim Smith, Rebeckah St. Peter, John Wurzbacher, Pati Beaumont, Cheryl Scarzello

**Call to Order:** Brooke Olsen Farrell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., Tara Buxton made a motion to nominate Peter Stone as Chair of the Committee, this was seconded by Tim Smith; Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** John Wurzbacher made a motion to approve the agenda, with the additions of BVS Waste Water, Solar Update, 2 Year Oil Bid/Buy; this was seconded by Tara Buxton; Motion carried by the full committee.

**Approval of Minutes - January 21, 2020:** Tara Buxton made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/21/2020 with no corrections; this was seconded by Rebeckah St. Peter; Motion carried. (2 abstentions)

**Project Updates:**

Usually Chris Cole has his team starting on projects that need to be done, many of which were to be accomplished through the bond, where the bond did not pass, we need to allocate other resources to move forward. We also do not have a budget that has passed either, but we need to move forward with some of these projects. Peter Stone asked if we are planning another budget vote. Brooke said the AOE is contemplating having all districts adopt a budget that was similar to our FY 20 allocation rather than do a revote. The legislature will be determining this for the 18/19 school districts that do not currently have approved budgets. We could also decide to do a budget vote, but it likely would not be safely available until the fall, (due to Covid #19 Virus Pandemic) and would hold up a lot of the work. Peter Stone is in favor of adopting the FY 20 budget if the state is allowing this as an option. Chris Cole will prioritize some of the work, he mentioned that Orwell Town Hall needs some immediate work, such as replacement counters, doors and an update to the electrical system. Tim Smith asks how much money would we have in an FY 20 budget available for the capital projects and what are Chris' priorities. The high school active steam leaks, the heating system at the high school would be the biggest priorities; the face lifts to the back area near English dept. Parking pavement at the Village School needs some work and the Elementary School in Castleton also needs some repairs to the pavement.

**Solar Program:** Solar is completed and we are starting to see the credits. Cheryl is working with the company to turn the credits vouchers into payments. It is coming along just as we had planned. It is generating the credits that we thought it would.

**BVS Waste Water Discussion:** A farm across from BVS asked for permission to join on to our waste water system. Our Civil Engineer made some suggestions for changes. Everyone was on board with that. Brooke and Chris are looking for approval on a maintenance agreement that would allow them to tap into this line. We are looking for authorization for our Board Chair Tim Smith to sign this once they are ready to proceed. Our Legal Team and Engineers have looked at this. It is a hemp processing facility and they will be hiring 2-3 employees. They will pay 10% of the on-going maintenance of the line usage and the school district pays the remainder of the costs. The Building and Grounds committee will recommend we move forward with this joint project.

**Oil Bid:** We usually go out on a one year bid, but today the oil prices dropped significantly, we were wondering if we should go out as a two year bid because of this? Some of the surrounding districts are locking into two year contracts as well. We would seek bids before locking in. Committee members agree this would be a good idea and authorized Administration to move on it, Brooke and Chris Cole will obtain some bids. Our minimum usage currently is 87,500 gallons. We would lock this in for two years.

Two bids for Castleton and FHGS were obtained for replacing oil tanks, at approximately \$180,000. Brian Starr from Starr Construction will handle both jobs to replace the tanks. This comes in around or slightly under the budgeted costs of \$200,000.00.

**Agenda Building:**

- Updates on projects we will be tackling
- We should know if we have a budget by then
- Update on oil bids by then
- We have approximately \$50,000 left on the current budget that we can start on some of the existing projects; some of this may have to be moved forward to carry forward funds.
- Facility managers were brought back full time as today, due to fact they can now be outside working. Maintenance crew will all be back full time as of Wednesday this week.

**Other:**

Tim wonders about the Google platform, Chris Cole will send him some information.

Tim wonders about the water project in Benson, it is only for waste water. It has nothing to do with the water source.

**Adjourn:** Tara Buxton made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.; this was seconded by Tim Smith; Motion carried.

Next SVUUSD Building & Grounds Committee Mtg. - May 18th – 5:30 p.m. - Virtual Meeting