Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2015

Attendees: Christopher Jennings (Chairperson), Scott English (Board President), Kim Codispoti (Board Member), Brian DeWinne (Board Member) conference call, Dr. Mary Gruccio (Superintendent), Helen Haley (Business Administrator), Wayne Weaver (Executive Director of Facilities), John Frangipani (Assistant Superintendent)

Guest: Donnie Robbins (Athletic Director) Robert DeSanto (Board Solicitor) Dale Elbeuf (Recreation Commission) Frank DiDominico (Board Solicitor)

- **Facility use Policy:** The committee discussed several issues with the designation of several groups as to what category they would be listed in for facility use. Mrs. Haley stated that there was some confusion on how the sports groups were labeled under the Recreation Commission. Mr. DeSanto stated that the qualifications of the groups would be the responsibility of the Recreation Commission and the Athletic Director. Mr. Elbeuf stated that he would provide that information to Mrs. Haley. Mr. English stated that the schools that do not require a boiler license would be a better financial choice for the groups and reduce maintenance personnel fees. Mr. Jennings summarized that the Recreation Commission will provide a list of the qualified sanctioned leagues. Mr. DeSanto will review the policy for possible changes to reflect this process.

- **Land Donation:** Mr. Robbins provided and e-mail he received in regards to three parcels totaling 48 acres that would be donated to the school district. The wooded properties are located across from the high school. The parcels are owned by Steeland Properties and will be transferred to Natural Land Trust and then transferred to the School district. Mr. DiDominico cautioned that there were many restrictions on what the district could do with the property. Mr. Robbins provided an e-mail stating that a walking track and a track and field event center would be acceptable to the Land Trust. Mr. DiDominico will receive all land restrictions and uses in writing to provide to the committee at the next Facility Committee meeting. Mr. Robbins felt that this property could serve the students and community well. The Committee agreed.

- **VHS Varsity Baseball Field reconfiguration:** Mr. DeWinne provided an proposal for a reconfiguring of the main baseball field. Mr. DeWinne would like to replace the current metal container dugouts and press box with CMU wood frame structures and move the home bleachers behind home plate for better viewing. Mr. DeWinne stated that the cost to the district would be minimal as he would take donations and do fund raisers for the project. Mr. Robbins liked the idea of replacing the dugouts and press box but
had major concerns about moving the home bleachers behind home plate. Mr. Robbins also did not like having the visitors and home bleachers next to each other. Mr. Robbins provided documentation and reasons why he could not endorse the new bleacher relocation. Mrs. Codispoti also felt that this was a bad idea. Mr. DeWinne said he would still like to see the dugouts and press box replaced. Mr. DeWinne still feels the new bleacher location would provide a better viewing experience for the fans.

- **VHS North Natatorium Roof Replacement:** Mr. Weaver provided an update and overview of the roof replacement project. The project was complete and the district and Architect are in the process of doing punch list items. One of the items that was noted was the capping did not meet the specs. The contractor will remove and replace with the corrected spec capping. Mr. Weaver also stated that decking replacement was not required and the district will receive a credit.

**Middle School #2 Naming:** The committee proposed naming the new school after the street that the school is located on, Lincoln Middle School. Mrs. Haley stated based on the policy this would still require board approval and possibly public input. Mrs. Haley stated that she would confer with Bob DeSanto on this proposal.

- **Facility Project Updates:** Mr. Weaver provided an overview of several ongoing district projects. The new HVAC system is progressing and is on schedule. The district is working on the specifications to go out to bid for the new fluid cooler to provide Air Conditioning to the building. The district is working on the specifications to bid out the roof replacement for Leuchter School. Mr. Weaver also stated he received a quote to repave the North West section of Memorial school that is used for a student drop off. Mr. Weaver stated that the quote was for 62k. This may have to be budgeted for next year.

**Next meeting November 17, 2015 @4:00pm**