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Operations Committee

Agenda - Draft Minutes

January 7, 2025

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The RSU 9 District Office, Main Street Farmington

Members present: Amanda Caruso, Gerry Provencher, Debbie Smith

Members absent: Scott Erb

Other board members present: Jeff Barnum

Staff present: Chris Elkington, Monique Poulin, Nicole Iburguen

1. Call Meeting to Order - Chair Erb

- a. Vice Chair Debbie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:05.

2. Previous Committee Minutes- [12/03/2024](#) - Vice Chair Smith

- a. Questions?

- i. None

3. New

- a. District Phone problems & Upgrade - Elkington

- i. Need to move faster

- ii. Review

1. When we discussed moving this project we discussed that Technology had about \$18,000 left from another project to have three buildings completed now. Since this vote we have had more phone issues and so need to start this work now.

- iii. Discussion

1. Compatibility of new installs will not be an issue with communicating school to school.

- iv. Motion

1. Use current available funds to start the phone project now.

- v. Vote

1. All in agreement

- b. FY26 Budget Discussions - Elkington

- i. Operations #s

1. As you know we are looking at all areas for reductions. Operations is making adjustments and reductions in several areas so as to compensate
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for salary and benefit increases. These will reduce their overall budget increase to zero or close to zero for 25-26.

4. Updates - Ibarguen/Elkington

a. Work progress

i. FY 25 Operations & Building Projects

1. Review

a. Nicole reviewed the current projects

- i. Fire alarm panel upgrade at MBMS
- ii. New door at AHS

b. Work orders were reviewed.

b. 10 Yr Plan

i. Committee Meetings

1. Have held one Operations Planning Committee meeting-current focus is preventative maintenance.

c. MBMS - Ibarguen/Elkington

i. Bjorn Culinary Center

1. Fire marshall will not give a waiver for home hoods. Not allowing anymore waivers based on promoesies. It is commercial hood or nothing for schools.
2. Can we find a repurposed hood? Might that impact our insurance? Nicole will do some research.
3. We don't have the money and so will end this final part of the project for the year.

ii. GYM

1. Students and sports are using the space!
2. The main doors to the gym and the custodial door need to be installed and has been approved through insurance.
3. Entryway is complete.
4. Bleachers are installed.

iii. Basement

1. There has been good progress with paint and sheetrocking. Insurance is reviewing a Specialty Services quote (HVAC) due to the improved quality of the equipment being asked (mega press fittings). Waiting on a final answer.

iv. Kitchen expansion

1. No progress at this time. Nicole is collaborating with Chef Andy.

d. MBHS - Ibarguen

i. Gym

1. Post the repair of the eight holes, there was at least one leak. G and E found the issue and also fixed it. Cold temps at this time and therefore no leaks currently. G and E will survey the entire roof in the spring.

2. Is this caused by ice jams with the drains? Hard to determine with a flat roof. If you have ice covering a drain and you go to break the ice then you can cause damage to the roof.
- e. CCHS - Ibarguen/Elkington
 - i. Leach field
 1. Progress
 - a. Nicole shared a photo of the design concept of the proposed new system.
 - b. \$13,000 for the design.
 - c. The final plan and costs will take about a week to complete once approved. Taylor Construction could likely complete the project by February break.
 - d. Will hopefully be brought to the board next week for a vote.
 2. Funding from?
 - a. Maintenance Reserve Fund
 3. Motion-TABLE
 - a. To move to the Board to approve spending up to \$200,000 for replacement from Operations Reserve.
 - i. Tabled for the full board to decide.
 - b. Vote

5. Next Mtg. February 4, 2025

6. Adjourned at 5:40.

7. Future Agenda Items

- Ten Year Maintenance Plan
 - [Building Assessments](#)
 - [Projects already completed](#)