

BUILDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Voluntown Public Schools - Central Office Meeting Room
February 7, 2023, at 10:06 a.m.

Members Present: Ron Millovitch, Resident and former Selectman
Brian Kallio, Director of Facilities and Maintenance
Kate Beauparlant, BOE Chair
Darlena Loranger
Jim MacBride, Resident

Also Present: Adam S. Burrows, Superintendent of Schools

Members Absent: Jack Wesa, Resident

Copy to: Amy L. Suffoletto – VES Principal
Tracey Hanson ---- First Selectwoman
Jody Grenier ----- Fire Marshall
Pete Zvingilas ----- Building Inspector

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

1. Membership, Purpose of the Building Committee, and projected sequence of events were briefly reviewed.

2. Minutes:

Motion #1 made (Beauparlant/Millovitch) on 2-7-23 to approve the minutes from the 1-10-23 Building Committee meeting. All in favor and the motion was approved

3. HVAC grant application requesting \$170,000 with potential estimate of 60% reimbursement for “eligible” expenses for HVAC replacement projects. Rough draft estimates include:

White House	\$21,800
VES Library	\$12,500
Rooms 27 & 29	\$12,500 (Grade 4 and 3)
Rooms 36 & 38	\$12,500 (Kindergarten Classrooms)
Subtotal	\$59,300
Air Purifiers	\$60,000
Project Manager	\$19,000 (Includes Specs, RFPs, Bid, Grant Compliance, etc.
Electrical	\$11,000
Subtotal.....	\$149,300
Contingency (13.7%)	\$20,700
Total.....	\$170,000 (Preliminary Cost Estimate)

The completed HVAC grant application submitted on December 1, 2022, to the Connecticut State Department of Education @ 2:45 pm. was distributed to the committee members.

We have heard nothing regarding the approval of this grant from the state of CT

4. HVAC System for VES Gym (\$78,000 already deposited in ESSER III Grant Account)

Initial Estimate \$68,000 (Units in the four corners of the gym)

Structural Engineer.....\$10,000 (Specs, RFP, Bid Process, etc.)

Brian Kallio is in the process of finding three quotes for this project. He has one from DEF The supply chain is extremely delayed, and it takes an extended time to receive products. Mr. Kallio will reach out again to New England Mechanical for a quote.

Total ESSER available ESSER Funds for the project is \$78,000 plus \$2,700 savings from video allowance equals \$81,279. Additional Funds may be needed from BOE if the price of the project exceeds the original estimate listed in the original ESSER III grant application that was received.

5. Video Surveillance:

Quotes from Verkada/DEF (\$119,135), Johnson Controls (\$92,989.54) and SDV/DEF (\$88,000), and CT Communications (\$75,879) have been received. The committee spent a considerable amount of time reviewing each quote and determined CT Communications had the best cameras and best offer.

Motion #2 made (Beuparlant/MacBride) on 2-6-23 by the Building Committee to approve going forward with continuing the process to secure CT Communication as the contractor for the video surveillance project with a final quote of \$75,879. All in Favor and the motion was approved.

6. Asbestos Project

An assessment of the scope of this project was reviewed during a site visit on 2-2-23 and a follow up by Mystic Sir Quality. Quotes are being requested for full extended asbestos abatement project that includes and a second quote for just completed the "T" in the 1953 and 1970 hallway section in the school building.

All quotes are due on February 16, 2023, by 10:00 a.m.

Companies who have visited our school system to review the scope of the project :

- Environmental Group Inc.
- HazPros Inc.
- Yankee Fiber Control
- Alloy Environmental Engineering
- Talevi Enterprises, Inc.

Motion #3 made (Beuparlant/Kallio) 2-7-23 to approve going forward with continuing the process to secure vendors for asbestos removal. Approved

Motion #4 made (Beuparlant/Kallio) 2-7-23 to approve Mystic Air invoice (#61250) for \$350.00 and scheduling the process to secure vendors for asbestos removal. Approved

Town meeting approved using \$112,942.49 of recently received funds for this project. The remaining balance is currently \$111,002.49 based on the recent invoices paid to Mystic Air.

7. Security upgrade for outside entrances:

The ESSER grant funds of \$29,115 originally allocated for upgrading the security for all outside doorway entrances were required to be used for the video surveillance upgrade because on an overall cost increase. We are now looking at possible upcoming grant to complete this part of the project.

8. BOE meeting room

CT Communications will be contacted regarding video for the Board of Education Board of Education meeting room to secure a third quote for this project that will allow public access to meetings.

We already have quote from two companies. A \$3,500 grant from our lock cable TV company is available to offset the cost of this project.

The committee will review some changes in the specifications.

9 Telephone System

The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Building Committee as per the following action:

Board of Education MOTION # 3 (1-12-23) was made by (Wilson/Thompson) to request the Board of Education to waive the bid process and approve going forward and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign a contract with Connecticut Communications for the quote of \$14,752 to replace and or upgrade the telephones in the school system. 6 yes, 1 abstention (Wicks) Motion passed.

It was noted the funds for this upgrade will come from the 22-23 Board of Education budget. The contract has been signed and it is our intention to have the project completed before the end of this 2022-2023 school year.

10 Other

A new security grant was just released from the state and the detailed application requirements are under review. This will be reviewed at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Kallio wants to start getting quotes for the generator repair on the roof.

10. Next meeting of the Building Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 1:00 pm. in the central office.

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:37 AM

Motion # 5 made (Beauparlant/Kallio) 2-7-23. Approved

(ASB and DCL on 2-9-23)