Building and Grounds Committee Meeting 5/23/23

Present: Butterfield, Snyder, Nicole Loser, Julie Albritton, Chad Jones, Matt Cox, Lee Gerrietts (Keach), and Kiersten Sheets (Trajectory)

Called to order at 4:12 pm.

Gerrietts provided an update; working with Kelly Glass and a few other representatives. Windows are being grouped into different colors; a 5 year plan was discussed as well as staging between winter and spring breaks. An environmental consultant or whomever is decided to move forward with, will create a bid document with each page representing each group of windows. Gerrietts then provided option 1 as a base bid; can add costs (no vision/all glass). Examples of window options were presented. Albritton inquired about the west wall and if there can be different options on top and bottom. Snyder suggested putting the windows up higher. There were recommendations from the ROE used about safety; intruders do not have visuals. Gerrietts mentioned: Option 2 consists of 2-way glass; Option 3 consists of security film to prevent people from getting in (Butterfield confirmed this); Option 4 consists of natural light panels. Gerrietts then summarized the total overhead and project cost(s). There was discussion on how to take care of the abatement and when the project can get done. It was suggested to keep the contingency so we plan for what we are getting into. Snyder suggested another meeting to discuss how we want to move forward. Albritton inquired if the K-4 area windows can be completed over the summer; Gerrietts mentioned that it is possible, but the abatement will take some time.

There was a brief discussion on the [completed] track project and manufacturing warranty.

Sheets spoke on community solar and mentioned that no part of solar array is tied to a meter, there is no roof, it is built on 12 acres, and there is a moving entry point. The plan is to go underground to Ameren 3 phase and to build a 2 megawatt project that will offer- to the school and community- a renewable energy and package; taxes discussed. 150 megawatts opened in November and two other schools are participating in this project. Sheets mentioned that there are no panels attached to a home or property meter; the community can sign up, there are no upfront costs and company's charges are lower than what is seen on current bills. Jones inquired about electric buses and how to up consumption, if needed; some funding will be provided now and some later. There are no up-front costs. Brimfield is being provided rent for the land. The solar is expected to last 25 years and can be used for science class; Sheets explained how the inverters work. Trajectory will take care of the maintenance around the panels (to be located on rented land) and will plant pollinators. There were brief discussions on funding, the energy broker, and a feature video. The plan is to begin the groundbreaking in summer of 2024.

There was a discussion regarding spacing at the Grade School. Julie Albritton mentioned that, since adding 2 staff members, spacing has become an issue. Snyder suggested the creation of a 5 year plan. Some ideas shared: fill in the courtyard; move administrative and front of school to Library end; find alternative placement for Bright Futures; move 7th and 8th grades over to High School (build an addition onto the High School to accommodate) and hire an Assistant Principal for High School.

There was a brief discussion regarding Transportation drop off and pick up.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

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