

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

Buildings and Grounds Committee Minutes

August 15, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Mr. Beiler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Board Members, Mr. David Beiler, Mr. Andrew Welk, Mr. James Byrnes, Mr. Dustin Knarr and Mrs. Melissa Herr; Superintendent, Dr. Kevin Peart; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew Godfrey; Buildings and Grounds Director, Mr. Glenn Davis; Business Manager, Mr. Keith Stoltzfus.

DISCUSSION OF FORMER STRASBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Stoltzfus reported receiving no sealed bids for the property which were due June 30, 2022. The request for bids included the following requirements - a \$1.3 M minimum bid and educational use for at least five years. Finding an educational use for the building remains the preference for the Board and District but are also aware of maximizing the value of the sale for all taxpayers. There are essentially three options to selling the property – auction, sealed bid or private sale through a court process. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee asked that Mr. Stoltzfus bring a commercial realtor forward to the full Board to recommend listing the property.

BUILDINGS AND CAMPUS UPDATES

Mr. Davis reported on progress as we prepare to welcome students and school-year staff back to the buildings. He also reported on the recent power outage which affected the entire campus on August 4 and the rework required on the competition gym floor.

DISCUSSION OF POLICY 707 – USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Mr. Welk had asked to take a look at the fees charged to the L-S youth organizations for use of the District facilities. The Committee discussed the background leading to the fees. This included the Fiscal Task Force where the Community strongly advocated for keeping the extra-curricular programs and sharing the costs through Activity Fees. The Field Study showed extensive community use and recommendations were to continue sharing those costs with the groups that use them. When the new turf fields were constructed, the full Board spent considerable time in developing the current usage fees trying to balance the use of the fields with direct costs and future replacement costs. Efforts have continued to ensure district residents with no children in the District are not paying the full cost for extra-curriculars. Following discussion, the Committee did not recommend any changes at this time but asked that the Administration research with other Districts and provide summary information back to the Committee.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMITTEE and ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Beiler asked if there were any other items from the Committee. Hearing none, the meeting was properly adjourned at 7:38 PM.