

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
TECHNOLOGY/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

5:30 P.M.

NLSD Media YouTube Channel

Committee Members			Meeting Dates		
	Robin Distler - Chairperson	X	Greg Derr – Liaison	Feb 3	Aug 4
X	Mathias Green -Co-Chairperson	X	Jennifer Butz	March 3	Sept 8
X	Donna Kulp	X	Eric Hill	April 7	Oct 6
X	Robert Kern	X	Tim Weaber	May 5	Nov 3
X	Matt Link			June 9	

Also in Attendance: Rhonda Frantz, Sherri Molitoris, Eric Hill, Gary Fedorcha, Alyssa Wingenfield

MINUTES

Buildings & Grounds

- Measurement and Verification Report (Alyssa Wingenfield - McClure Company)
 - Ms. Wingenfield delivered the measurement and verification report for the NLSD energy project. The report qualifies the energy savings that impact the project comparing predicted costs to actual costs. The construction period was June 2018 through May 2019. Guaranteed savings were \$64,502 and measured savings were \$86,565 with an excess savings of \$22,063.
- Request from Slatington Borough Council
 - Mr. Link reported that he was contacted by a Slatington Borough Council Member with an inquiry if the School Board would be interested in donating/leasing to the Slatington Borough to use the field across the street from the NLMS athletic field to be used as a dog park for the community. Administratively it has been discussed. Not sure the district would want to give it up and there would be legal transfers involved. The land is not currently utilized by the district but is maintained.
 - Committee members discussed the request and agreed to have Mr. Link discuss the request further with the borough and if approved it would be a lease option.

- Sealcoating
 - Peters Elementary - \$18,955
 - Stadium - \$18,650
 - Mr. Derr discussed the sealcoating proposals. If moved to board, it would be funded through the 20/21 B&G Budget.
 - Committee members agreed to move the motion to the May board agenda.
- Playground Equipment at Peters Elementary
 - Mr. Derr is currently working with three vendors for quotes for the playground equipment. He will most likely have numbers for the June committee meeting. If moved to board, it would be funded through one of the ESSER grants. More details to follow.
- Additional Halo Machines and Solution
 - The machines are used for treatment of the classrooms. They run for 40 minutes but need to remain in the classroom for an additional three hours. The district does not have enough machines to fog rooms in one night or to do multiple buildings. The district would like to purchase 5 additional machines and solution. The purchase would be made through one of the ESSER grants. The grant requires an RFP for costs of \$21,000 or more.
 - Committee members discussed the purchase and agreed to move the motion to the May board agenda to do a formal Request for Proposal.
- Fuel bids
 - The bid deadline was extended to Friday, May 7th.
 - Once the district has the bid results, the board members will be notified in the weekly update and at the next B&G meeting.
- HVAC and summer workers
 - The district received a lot of applications for the HVAC position with qualified HVAC applicants with their licenses. Administration will review the applications and schedule interviews next week.
 - The district received seven (7) applications for the summer workers. Interviews will be scheduled next week.
 - Committee members agreed to put a blanket motion on the May board agenda to hire a maintenance person with specialized skills.
- Transportation RFP
 - Administration has been in touch with King Spry attorneys regarding the RFP and their review of it. King Spry is recommending that the district accept the five (5) year proposal but add an addendum to the agreement which would state that in the event that the five (5) year agreement is legally challenged that it would revert back to a one (1) year proposal. If it

would occur, the district would need to write a new RFP. The reason for the addendum is that it was advertised as a one (1) year contract.

- Committee members discussed the RFP and agreed to move the motion to the May board agenda.
- Event Tents
 - Administration has discussed an outdoor setting for educational purposes. The district would like to purchase two (2) 20 foot by 40 foot event tents, funded through the ESSER grant. If over \$21,000 it would need to be formally bid. Mr. Derr presented sample pictures of the tents. The tents can be used for any district outside event, outside classroom, etc. One to be placed in the courtyard of the MS on the concrete pad and one to be used at Slatington Elementary (SE) on the grass. Mr. Link added that it will allow students to social distance and be outside more.
 - Mrs. Kulp asked about lighting. Mr. Link commented that they would like the tents with the clear windows so that additionally lighting is not needed. The tents would be professionally installed and stay in place. There is a three (3) month lead time at this point for ordering.
 - Mr. Kern's concern is the one at SE being out to the public. The MS one is more secure.
 - Committee members discussed the event tents and agreed to move the motion to the May board agenda to do a formal Request for Proposal.

Technology

- BladeCenter
 - Mr. Hill presented a PowerPoint regarding the NLSD BladeCenter Replacement. Best described as the "brain" of our network. It hosts all of the district virtual servers and file storage. The current BladeCenter was originally installed during the 2011-12 school year and was updated in 2015 and 2017 and UPS's were replaced in October 2020. UPS's can be used in the upgrade. Blade Chassis, Server Blades, and Storage are soon reaching end of support in Fall of 2021. Spare parts are available until at least April 2023 but firmware and software updates are no longer available. Mr. Hill explained what would be replaced. The cost for replacement is \$194,559.86 which includes installation. The price is a PEPPM Consortium quote which is accepted by the ESSER grant. Estimated 6-8 year life expectancy and save on annual support cost over the next five (5) years. Mr. Hill commented that it is a good use of funds for students, taxpayers and the district. The funding would be through the ESSER grant.

- Committee members discussed the BladeCenter and agreed to move the motion to the May board agenda.
- Charging Stations and Chargers for Chromebooks
 - Mr. Hill discussed adding 55 charging stations for Chromebooks to Peters Elementary, Slatington Elementary, and Middle School. Each charging station can fit up to sixteen (16) Chromebooks at a PEPPM Quote of \$21,441.71. Also looking to add 1200 Chromebook/Laptop 45 WUSB C Chargers at a PEPPM Quote of \$59,352.00. These would be used for students to use at home for distance learning.
 - Mrs. Kulp asked if this would replace the regular laptop cord. Mr. Hill said it would not, it would be in addition to. Students would have a charger in their laptop case to use at home if it's an extended period of time. Mrs. Kulp commented that the funds should be spent based on what is needed, not wanted. Mr. Green commented that it seems to be redundant to purchase extra chargers. Mr. Kern commented that the students need to be responsible for having their laptops charged. It's part of being ready for school every day. Mr. Link asked Mr. Hill to get more feedback from staff and bring it to the next committee meeting.
 - Committee members agreed to revisit the topic.
- E-Rate Category 1 Funding Commitment
 - Mr. Hill provided data showing what the district will receive from the E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision for Category 1. Slatington to Peters Elementary - \$7,948.80 (21-22), Northern Lehigh to Intermediate Unit - \$5,670.00. A total of \$13,618.0 and \$68,094 over five (5) years. The district will need to apply each year. The bidding connections were submitted back in August 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Reminder: Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2021.