



**BOARD OF EDUCATION - BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022  
CONNOR SHAW CENTER - CONFERENCE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 8:26 a.m. Vice President Uthe called the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of Wednesday, December 7, 2022 to order and requested all present to please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was taken and the following Committee answered aye (2) Mrs. Tara Robinson, Mr. Rick Uthe, and no nays.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mr. Steve Stein, Mr. Chris Crawford, Mr. Adrian Fulgencio, Mrs. Amy Loy, Mr. Brandon Owens and Mrs. Cathy Cuculich.

**VISITORS' SIGN IN LOG:**

No visitors signed in to speak.

**ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Vice President Uthe asked for a motion to approve the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting minutes of October 4, 2022. Mrs. Robinson made a motion and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following Committee members answered aye (2) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe and no nays.

**FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Conner Shaw Center - Preschool**

Mrs. Amy Loy was present for the Committee meeting today to talk about adding a playground at Connor Shaw Center for the preschoolers. Mrs. Loy and Mrs. Tori Coffman, occupational therapist for the District worked together on this idea and plan. Mrs. Loy reported to the Committee that she has reached out to Chuck Gardiner of NuToys Leisure Products (a Sourcewell vendor, no need to bid out this project) to help design a playground for the preschool. Mr. Gardiner created and sent a quote to Mrs. Loy for a playground designed for three to five-year-olds. Mrs. Loy explained to the Committee that it would be a fenced in playground, with handicap access from the sidewalk on West Street, and ground covering will be mulch, which is ADA compliant. Mrs. Loy also stated that having an outdoor playground would be amazing for our preschoolers, and for the summer ESY Preschool program! With this outdoor playground, the preschoolers will increase and define their gross and fine motor skills, and balance, and help them adapt to an outdoor space. Having this outdoor playground will benefit the current and future preschoolers and also the Community who can also access the playground.

The Committee members agreed and said that this is a great idea and agreed to put it on the agenda for the regular board meeting on December 19, 2022. The Committee discussed with Mr. Stein, Mr. Fulgencio, Mrs. Loy, and Mr. Owens some ideas to add to the playground maybe a grassy area in the playground for picnic tables for parents to sit, a shade canopy to keep out the sun, and outdoor lights. Mr. Stein suggested cameras for the side of the building facing the playground so we can prevent vandalism to the playground. The Committee members also asked about options for keeping and maintaining the playground? Mr. Crawford suggested a gate in the back of the playground so the maintenance department can get equipment in and out to maintain the playground. The approximate cost of the playground project is \$86,575.00. The project would be funded using grant funds. Once again, the Committee wanted to state again that is a great idea! Thank you, Mrs. Loy.

#### **PEOTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:**

##### **Building Heating System**

Mr. Fulgencio discussed with the Committee the boiler and the ongoing pipe issues in the supply and return pipes in the tunnels at PES. Mr. Fulgencio reported to the Board that PES had to shut down its boiler three to four times due to the piping issues in the tunnels. Mr. Fulgencio stated that we want to be proactive as a District instead of reactive to the problem at hand. Mr. Chris Crawford reported that in the last few years approximately 10% of the piping has been redone. Mr. Fulgencio discussed and reviewed three different options with the Committee. The Committee told Mr. Fulgencio that they will need to think about what is the best option in the long run for PES and the District.

##### **Electrical Upgrade Project**

Mr. Fulgencio discussed with the Committee the electrical upgrade at PES. Currently, the electrical panel will not suffice for the individual a/c units. Mr. Crawford reported that we will need to upgrade our electrical panel from 400 amps to 1200 amps.

Mr. Crawford also said that a 1200 amp panel would be enough power for the individual units or roof top units. Also, Mr. Fulgencio reported that ComEd will have to be involved - they will have to put in a new transformer for the electrical upgrade and that the supply chain for transformers is about 18 months. The Committee, Mr. Stein, and Mr. Fulgencio discussed what the best option for the District would be in regards to the electrical upgrade. The Committee stated that they would think about the current situation more and review again the options that District has.

**PEOTONE INTERMEDIATE CENTER:**

**Gym/Stage Asbestos Bids**

Mr. Fulgencio reviewed and discussed with the Committee the timeline for the gym and stage asbestos project at Peotone Intermediate Center. The asbestos project will be on the agenda for approval by the Board at the February 22, 2023 regular board meeting. The asbestos project will be a summer 2023 project.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:25 a.m., Vice President Uthe asked for a motion to adjourn the Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting of Wednesday, December 7, 2022. Mrs. Robinson made a motion and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following Committee members answered aye (2) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, and no nays.



Rick Uthe, Vice President



Cathy Cuculich, Reporter