

**Facilities Committee Meeting**  
**Central Office**  
**October 21, 2015 / 4:00pm**  
***Minutes***

I. OPENING PROCEDURES

A. Time- *Call to Order*

B. Attendance – B. Merkle, C. Gunkle, L. Christman, J. Grice, B. Hambley, T. Bergey, S. Knoll.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 16, 2015

III. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS

**Hopewell Project Update by D'HUY Engineering, Inc.**

- Refer to attachment created by D'HUY (October 2015; Volume 1, Issue2).
- Geothermal progress: 15-17 wells have been drilled to date, due to the change of depth on wells, additional wells will be required. A new schedule for the drilling will be developed. Work can continue through winter months.
- Building is on schedule, all contractors are working well together. Upper Saucon Township is also working with the District and contractors when necessary. The Conservation District was very pleased with the site.

**Ball Shed**

- The cost to rent an off-site batting cage is approximately \$170.00/ hour + the cost of transportation.
- C. Gunkle would like us to find out the following information: How often do our teams use the ball shed, which teams and how many students use it.

**High School Auditorium**

- M. Weir, a high school music teachers inquired about a remodel of the Auditorium. A cosmetic remodel would cost approximately \$75,000.00. This won't address seating capacity, storage, or dressing rooms. The lighting and sound have recently been updated.
- M. Weir will be asked to make a list of the priorities he would like to see changed. The committee will revisit the remodeling of the auditorium at that time.

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**Capital Project and Construction Funds**

- 2.7 million was left over from the Intermediate School Construction, 1.8 million was used for the ESCO project, and approx.. 1 million was put towards the new construction at Hopewell.
- J. Melber will explain the capitol reserve, capitol project funds, and the construction funds and make recommendations next meeting.

**Intermediate School & Camp Meeting Traffic Improvement**

- A few years ago a new agreement was drawn up with Upper Saucon Township – end date 2020, stating that the school district would contribute \$600,000 for traffic improvements at the intersection and jug handle along CampMeeting Road and Rt 309. We have contributed \$400,000 to date for engineering costs associated with this. Nothing is in ESCROW at Upper Saucon Township. If 2020 comes and nothing has been completed to alter the roadways, we are no longer responsible for the additional \$200,000.

**Field Hockey Banner**

- The Girls' Hockey team is looking to purchase a one-sided banner (3' x 60') for their team. They would like to hang it on the chain-link fence by the hockey field, only during the season.
- The committee brought to attention the following:
  - Will other teams do the same, so then we will have multiple banners all over the campus?
  - Is the banner too big, too elaborate?
  - The back of the banner is all white, is that what we want the public to see when they enter our district?
  - Field hockey already has a wooden sign on posts at the same location.
  - Is it possible to downsize the banner and make it two sided? 3' x 10' possible?
- T. Bergey will talk with the hockey coach.

VI. VISITORS' COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT