

**Facilities Committee Meeting
Hopewell Elementary School
February 17, 2016 / 5:00pm
*Minutes***

I. OPENING PROCEDURES

A. Time- *Call to Order*

B. Attendance – B. Merkle, C. Gunkle, E. Gehman, J. Grice, B. Hambly, T. Bergey,
S. Knoll

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF January 20, 2016

III. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

Hopewell Elementary Project Report by D’huy Engineering, Inc.

- Please see attached report
- The district should be seeing the first installment from the LEED grant funds any day.
- Incorrect color of the aluminum window framing was ordered for the building. Blue was specified but tan was delivered. The committee determined that we will keep the tan exterior but will look into the cost of painting the interior frame work to match interior color schemes.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS

Snow Storm Report

- 32” of snow was recorded at various locations in the Lehigh Valley. Our staff did a phenomenal job clearing the snow so that we could open schools on Wednesday, Jan 27. Four of our grounds and custodial staff volunteered to come in on Saturday night during the storm to plow paths so others could get to the schools on Sunday morning. Most staff worked 10-12 hours on Sunday and Monday.
- The district spent approximately \$9000.00 on snow removal. This figure does not include allowances for our equipment usage.
- We have submitted our storm costs to Lehigh County (approx.\$14,500.00), along with other districts and municipalities. The county will submit all to Pennsylvania and then they will forward to FEMA. FEMA will review all information and determine if Pennsylvania is eligible for storm reimbursement. This determination will take a few months.

Electric Purchase Review

- T. Bergey will recommend to the Board on Monday night to approve the Electric Supply Agreement for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019 to Constellation New Energy, Inc. The purchase was made on February 9, 2016 at a fixed price of \$.03805 per kWh having a total yearly value of approximately \$190,250.00 which reflects a 26% savings over the current agreement. See attachment.

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Middle School Asphalt & Concrete Project Update

- Project was put out to bid, 6 different contractors attended the mandatory meeting on February 10th. Bids are due on February 18th and will be opened at that time. The successful bidder will be added to the Board Agenda for February 22nd meeting for approval.

Township Rotary / Circle Update

- Improvements to Preston Lane will be completed in the summer of 2017-2018 school year.

Proceeding with Lower Milford

- Discussion needs to occur on how to proceed with Lower Milford Elementary when the new Hopewell Elementary opens in the Fall of 2016. We will review the initial document that was presented in August of 2013, different options to the District, before the Board made the decision to build the new elementary school. The Committee will revisit this topic in March.

New Hopewell Elementary School Furniture Inspection

- Samples of our existing desks and chairs were provided. The Committee was taken on a short tour to look at the Kindergarten room, Library, office area, teacher's lunch room, and other classrooms.
B. Merkle asked if we could outfit the school with existing furniture so that all grades would be the same vs each individual room the same.
T. Bergey will find out if the purchase of furniture can be calculated in for the Leed grant, if so, we could possibly get 10% of our costs back.
Discussion took place having to do with perceptions of teachers and community by putting old furniture in a new school. Most of the furniture is old however still functional.
T. Bergey and S. Knoll will prepare a handout by Friday, February 19th – to send to all board members, presenting various options for the purchase of furniture for the new school.

VI. VISITORS' COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT