



**SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Facilities Committee
Central Office Meeting Room
November 18, 2009 4:00pm
*Minutes***

I. Called to Order 4:05pm

PRESENT: B. Breslin, B. Miracle, B. Stelts, C. Gunkle, L. Christman, J. Snell, T. Bergey,
R. Andrulevich, S. Knoll

ABSENT: , J. Liberati,

OTHERS:

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 21, 2009

III. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS – none

IV. OLD BUSINESS-

SUPPORT SERVICE UPDATE

- Modular Removal: Hopewell's and Liberty Bell's modulares have been removed. District is waiting for the ground to freeze in order to remove building at Lower Milford. All properties will then need to be graded and seeded.
- Baseball field: Field was finished on Monday, Nov 16th.
- Storage shed at Lower Milford will be replaced. The existing slab will be used. Price: approx. \$70,000.00

V. NEW BUSINESS-

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Architect's comments

- D. Hersh has been inspecting the project and checking on the completion of the punch list items. He will be discussing with Mr. Breslin the close-out procedure.
- Numerous letters have been sent to Penn Builders notifying them of the substantial completion date on the project and the liquidated damage fees involved. There has been no response.

District Comments

- ATC meeting was held on 11-6-09 to discuss the ongoing problems with the HVAC/ATC systems.
- Few issues with grounds still remain, field preparation, dead trees, run-off before front door, possible drainage problems due to soil compaction.



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- Turner Construction seemed to “cut & ran” after the building was opened. The project manager was on site full-time for 26 months. We still need the O & M manuals and warranty information.
- Change orders: Erosion matting for detention basin \$5347.50
Credit Guy Cooper \$2651.00
- HVAC – JBM, Conexus – system not turned over yet. Syder Hoffman is reviewing problems: exhaust fans, control issues not quality of mechanisms.
- Grounds: Penn Builders is being charged liquidated damages due to unresolved grounds issues.
- Plan Con J: district must fill out, Harold Gone and Pat Sable are consultants to assist: \$3000.00 for consulting services.

DISTRICT UPDATES

Support Services

- Campus storage: facility at High School will be revisited, building is an eye sore.

Miscellaneous

- Escrow amount related to construction project: \$1 million dollars will be returned to district.
- Outfitting allotment was \$950,000. We have exceeded approximately by \$25,000. These monies will be taken out of contingency money.
- Charney was expected to purchase corner of Lanark & Rt. 309 with \$400,000 improvement (sidewalks, curbs, & roads) to be completed – they backed out of deal.
- The district has been getting billed for engineering and other fees by Pidcock by way of Upper Saucon Township. We have been charged \$350,000. The facilities committee has recommended not to pay any more money until the solicitors resolve the issues. The school board will be apprised of the situation on Nov 23rd.

VI. VISITORS' COMMENTS- no visitors present

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. OPEN SESSION

ADJOURNMENT 5:00pm

ATTEST: Susan Knoll Secretary / Recorder