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West Islip Public Schools

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Superintendent of Schools

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Director of Buildings and Grounds

Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2014
Time: 7:40 p.m.
Location: District Office Conference Room

Members in attendance: S. Brady, K. O'Connor, R. Ulrich, B. Burns, W. Duffy, J. Bosse
Others in attendance: S. Gellar, R. Maginniss

Discussion Items

1. Facilities Update

- a. Mr. Bosse provided an update as to the status of the buildings and grounds as a result of the August 13th rain event. As time passes, some new concerns have been raised about areas that were exposed to excessive water, including the high school basement and classrooms. A number of damaged tiles may need to be repaired immediately.
- b. Due to the constant use of the turf field, it has been difficult to schedule a time for treatment of the weeds around the track; it is now the dormant period so the weed is dying off naturally. Additionally, the treatment of the poison ivy along the Bayview fence line has been impeded by the recent weather. That area should be addressed within the next week.
- c. Parkway Pest Control treated the high school on Friday evening, October 3, and another treatment is scheduled for Columbus Day. Some potential causes of the roach situation have been identified and will be addressed. The custodial staff has been alerted to report all roach sightings to Mr. Bosse so the situation can be more closely monitored.
- d. Mr. Bosse submitted a list of potential bond projects, which the committee examined.
- e. The Performing Arts Center is beginning to show signs of its use, and the need for improved lighting and sound systems were discussed.
- f. One of the slides on the Paul J. Bellew playground is damaged. In the interest of student safety, the committee agreed that the slide must be replaced.

2. Donations

- a. The West Islip Soccer Club would like to make a donation that will provide field access to an unused bathroom at the Masera School. Mr. Bosse inspected the site with Mr. Koffsky, WISC President, and determined that the toilet needs to be replaced and other upgrades may be necessary before it is deemed usable.
- b. The High School PTSA has donated two benches designated for the front of the building. The committee discussed how to best secure the benches to the ground, and agreed to recommend the district accept a donation of time and material to complete the project.

3. Permits

- a. An outside organization has requested the use of the turf field for a weekend tournament. In an effort to protect the field and ensure access to the community, the committee agreed to limit such permits.

4. Safety and security

- a. Protocols have been reviewed with staff: keys, doors, windows, closets, hatches, panels, etc. are checked daily. Communication systems (radios, intercom, phones, email, etc.) are being verified to ensure everything is in workable condition. Custodial staff has been directed to monitor deliveries more closely.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.