



**SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Facilities Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 27, 2007-3:30 p.m., Board Room**

Present: Commissioners Nancy McCarty and Laurie Menkin
Excused absence: Commissioner Dorothy Matthews
Also present: Commissioners Ned Deuel and Dr. Cynthia Kirby

Chair Nancy McCarty called the committee meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

The Committee recommended the following Board action items come before the Board of Education at their meeting on October 10, 2007:

Consultancy– Envirollogic of New York, Inc. – Authorization to enter into an agreement with the firm of Envirollogic of New York, Inc. to provide miscellaneous architectural and/or engineering services to the District, in the amount of \$9,000.

Discussion Items

Dr. Neil Murphy, ESF-District-wide Photo Voltaics- Dr. Neil Murphy gave a presentation on renewable energy systems available for the District’s Joint School/City Construction Project. Grants are obtainable to support the vision of environmentally friendly energy production and are a step toward reducing America’s dependence on non-renewable fuels.

Additional Staffing-Facilities Department-Nick DiBello presented a plan for additional staff and/or changes in current staff duties. The cost of the plan would be \$117,250. Mr. DiBello will come back next month with alternative suggestions on how to fund these positions and for how long.

LEED Certification-Information was given to the committee on LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and “Green” school building costs. National sources agree that the average cost increase to build a LEED certified school is in the range of 2% more than a conventional school. However, it has been well researched and documented that the financial benefits of building a “green school” are on the order of \$71.00 per square foot. Some of the actual dollar benefits consist of immediate savings, such as energy usage, while other dollar benefits consist of future savings, such as increased earnings.

District-wide Joint Construction Project Update – The committee reviewed information Mr. DiBello provided on potential additional costs for each of the seven buildings in Phase 1 of the project. The Joint School Construction Board did not meet on September 13, 2007. The meeting on September 20th focused on the financial plan. Several staff members met in Albany with the State Education Department and the Office of State Comptroller to discuss the financial plan. Mr. DiBello believed it was a very positive meeting.

Report on Various Projects - Mr. DiBello provided a current Facilities Management Project Report of six (7) items and a Facilities Management EXCEL Project Report of sixteen (16) items.

Reports on Projects at City Hall – The committee is waiting for the final draft of the new Boiler Plate language. An analysis of the new language will be reviewed at next month’s meeting.

Mr. DiBello will send a letter to Hutchings Psychiatric Center reminding them that the District Central Office is a smoke-free facility and their patients and staff are not allowed to smoke on our grounds.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m. The next meeting has been changed from October 18th to October 16, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann L. D’Amico
Executive Coordinator/District Clerk, Board of Education