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SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 2021
SPECIAL OPEN WORKING SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL
FACILITIES & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING 6:40 P.M.

The Facilities and Grounds Committee of the Board of School Trustees met for discussion of current issues and future plans for the Corporation during a Special Open Session held on Monday, July 19, 2021, beginning at 6:40 P.M. at the Switzerland County Middle School located at 1040 W. Main Street, Vevay, Indiana.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Superintendent Hite called the meeting to order and asked for the silencing of all communication devices, followed by the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members Present: Joe Bennett and Adam Cole

Others in attendance: Superintendent Rod Hite, Katie Collier, Greg Bosaw, Amy Combs, John Sieglitz, Patti Kappes, Tony Spoores, Ashley Kitts, Mark Boggs, Jason Cheek, Greg Curlin, David Todd, Amy Jo Linkel and Dana Keith.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion was held on the following topics:

- Review Architect Presentations: Connector Wing & HVAC
 - Connector Wing
 - The board felt that ELEVAR's Option 2 with 9800 square feet with an added small area towards the high school enclosed for storage space best met the requirement needs.
 - There was also discussion on adding an enclosed storage area on the southwest corner of the middle school. The board is interested in obtaining the estimated cost per square foot (in current dollars) if they move forward with that in the next few years..
 - HVAC
 - After much discussion regarding a geothermal system as proposed in both ELEVAR and Lancer & Beebe, the board is interested in obtaining more information on the following items:
 - Determining if the footprint of the SCES building is expanded in the future, will the geothermal field/system be built to have the capacity to heat/cool the extension, and if so how many additional square footage?

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What is the energy savings estimate from our current old model electric system to a new updated geothermal system using today's rates and what is the estimated savings annually?

- Next Steps:
 - Mr. Hite reported that he has been in contact with Ted Nolting from Kroger, Gardis & Regas for assistance with creating the RFP.
 - Mr. Nolting will write both projects within one RFP but as two projects.
 - The RFP will discuss the need to work with Davis Bacon wage requirements and also the parameters of working around school in session..
 - Once written it will need to be advertised 2x 7 days apart with board approval. This does not lock us into a project.
 - Mr. Nolting will present to the board and then we will advertise for proposals for 30 days once approved.
 - This will give our specifications to a company to give official bids.
 - The building and grounds committee and Mr. Hite can make a recommendation for providers or they can meet as an entire board. This will be determined at a later date.
 - The RFP will also ask that the project be looked at in two ways: 1) a traditional building and 2) FEMA safe with 250 mph wind ratings.
 - Mr. Hite reported that he has been in contact with Jason Tanselle from Baker Tilly LLP regarding Amortization.
 - If construction begins in 2022, there will not be a payment incurred until 2023 when our first debt rolls off.
 - Multiple options are being created
 - ESSER II & III are reimbursed grants, not money up front.
 - Mr. Hite stated that he will be contacting Jeff Qualkinbush from Barnes & Thornburgh LLP to begin discussions for Bond Council.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:10 P.M.

Joe Bennett, Committee Member

Adam Cole, Committee Member

(Board Approved:8/16/21)