

Greene-Hills School
HVAC Project Committee
Special Meeting Thursday, December 9, 2021
At Greene-Hills School

Present: Ronald Burns, Danielle Couture, Scott Gaudet, David Hartley, David Mills, Robert Passamano, and John Smith,

Also Present: Peter Fusco and Tyler Long

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Smith

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Robert Passamano and seconded by David Mills, it was voted to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2021 Special Meeting.

3. ENGINEER'S UPDATE

• REVIEW LONG CONSULTING OPTIONS

Tyler Long stated the committee was provided with two options:

1. Replace the existing system with a conventional system
2. Repair the existing geothermal system

Along with an overview of the project, a rough order of magnitude estimate was provided to the committee prior to the meeting for review.

Peter Fusco reiterated that over the last 10 years there have been many significant expenses on repairs to both the heating and the cooling side of the system. In addition to ongoing repairs, compressors among other components are still failing. Also, the propylene glycol is reaching the end of its lifecycle and will need to be replaced in the near future.

Chair Smith is looking for a recommendation to repair or replace the existing system.

David Hartley recommends a conventional system.

Robert Passamano questioned what the availability and lead times of equipment might be.

- With a conventional system, many companies can provide the units so Tyler Long anticipates it could be about 12 weeks.

The project is thought to take 6-9 months in an unoccupied building. Phasing of the project may be necessary to accommodate the school schedule and the project.

There was question of what the variable costs might be on the project. This will need to be a bonded project and can cost upwards of 8.5M.

On a motion by Robert Passamano and seconded by David Hartley, it was unanimously voted to approve Option 1 – Conventional Replacement of the HVAC system at Greene-Hills School and to forward to the Board of Finance for discussion.

4. PROJECT SCHEDULE

There are different ideas for the project schedule. Some of the thoughts discussed were:

1. Elongated working days throughout the summer
2. Phasing according to the “mechanical section”
3. Relocating the students
4. How much, if any of the work can be complete while the students are still in school

There was robust discussion regarding the several options. Peter Fusco and Tyler Long will meet to work out a feasible schedule to present to the committee. The goal is to provide a project with the least disruption to the staff, students, and families in the shortest amount of time. Tyler Long indicated this project could not be complete in 2 months during the summer.

John Smith wants all options considered and has concerns with getting the active players on board, lead times, and schedule.

The next meeting will be January 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the library at Greene-Hills School.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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