

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD  
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093  
FINANCE & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2021  
5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL: (5:30) p.m.**

Mr. Welch called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Mr. Welch, Mr. Zeidler

Absent: Ms. Alpert Knight

Also Present: Mr. Spaan, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Beerheide, Mr. Dreher,  
Mr. Subeck, Mrs. Kiedaisch, Mrs. Styczen,  
Dr. Stange

**PARTICIPATION BY PHONE:** Mr. Zeidler motioned to allow Ms. Alpert Knight to participate by phone due to illness. Mr. Welch seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **2.1 Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting – October 12, 2021**  
Mr. Zeidler moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 Finance/Facilities Committee meeting. Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Motion was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**4.1 Discussion of Sunset Ridge HVAC Issues**

Mr. Dreher provided a synopsis of the on-going issues with the Sunset Ridge School HVAC system. He noted that all systems appear to currently be up and running as expected. He noted that both insurance claims for the HVAC repairs (approximately \$74,000) were approved.

**4.2 Natural Gas Usage**

Mr. Dreher reviewed the District's natural gas usage over the past year. He noted that he believed the architect's projected natural gas usage projections underestimate the actual usage needs. He noted that the District is still spending less than 50% on natural gas compared to the previous school.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.1 Long Range Capital Plan**

Mr. Beerheide reviewed the District's long range capital improvement plan including work on the Middlefork Kindergarten Playground, the replacement of old kitchen equipment at Middlefork School, renovation to the staff lounge at Middlefork School, and key fobs on network server closets. Ms. Joseph encouraged the committee to consider non-capital expenditures that support a "best in class" educational program.

**5.2 Quarterly Financials**

Mr. Beerheide reviewed the District's revenues and expenditures noting the CPI is at the highest it had been in several years. He also reviewed the Township Treasury data.

**5.3 GDI Services, Inc. - Update**

Mr. Dreher discussed the status of the out-sourced custodial service and the challenges they have had filling positions related to shortages in the labor supply.

**5.4 Electricity Contract**

Mr. Beerheide noted the District's current electricity supply contract was set to expire in November 2022 and recommended for the Board of Education to approve a parameter resolution to enter into a purchase agreement for electricity not to exceed 36 months.

**5.5 CPI-U**

Mr. Beerheide reviewed the history of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and noted how the 2021 CPI was 7% but the tax cap will limit the increase to the 2022 Levy to the lesser of CPI or 5%.

**NEXT MEETING:**

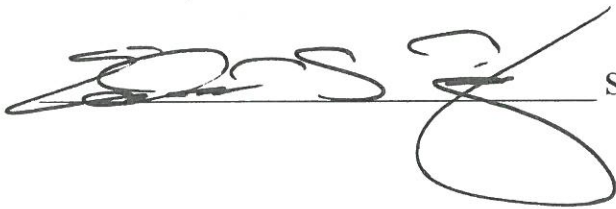
**6.1 Next Meeting: January 11, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidler and seconded by Ms. Alpert Knight to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. All were in favor.



Chairperson, Finance/Facilities Committee



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 12 April, 2022