Seymour Board of Education
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 16, 2022
Central Office
7:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Garofolo
Beth Nesteriak
Chris Champagne

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Kristen Harmeling

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Susan Compton
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER
A. Pledge of Allegiance
   Dr. Compton called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:09 pm

II. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON
Dr. Compton called for nominations for a Chairperson for the Facilities and Transportation Committee.
Mr. Garofolo nominated Ms. Nesteriak and nominations were closed. Ms. Nesteriak was elected chairperson of the Facilities and Transportation Committee. Dr. Compton turned the meeting over to Ms. Nesteriak.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT
Public Comment provides the opportunity for the public to make a comment. It is not a dialogue between the Board and the public. Based upon what is heard during Public Comment, the Board may choose to add a topic to the agenda. If questions are posed that the Chairman is able to answer, those questions may be addressed under the Chairman’s Comments portion of the agenda. The Board will not discuss personnel matters. Comments should be respectful and no longer than 3 minutes in length so that all who wish to comment may have the opportunity to do so. All public wanting to comment will need to state their name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.
None

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
A. All Star Transportation Contract
   Dr. Compton said we need to set up meetings as soon as possible. John DuFour from All Star Transportation will be involved with the negotiations. The last contract term was from 2017 – 2022. Ms. Nesteriak asked if we will do an RFP since it is for more than $25,000. Mr. Garofolo said he recalled Mr. Belden often came to the Board for approval to exempt some items mostly to avoid a lengthy process. Ms. Nesteriak said Hamden is currently out to bid and it may be an opportunity to learn some things from them. There was some discussion on what bus companies offer services in our area and what items should be included in the contract including what guarantees we would receive for missed bus routes. It was suggested it might be better to be compensated for these quarterly rather than waiting until the end of the year. Dr. Compton said we have been in contact with All Star and Mr. DuFour is currently on vacation and not available but emphasized the transportation should be discussed soon.
B. ARP Esser III – HVAC Project
Dr. Compton reviewed the ARP Esser III grant which provides $90,000 for personnel and $1,742,897 for HVAC at the high school. She emphasized the need to get the entire high school building finished. She reported that the ESSER I grant has a zero balance and ESSER II has about $700,000 left. Dr. Compton talked about some innovative ways to cover the attrition due to retirement. Ms. Nesteriak agreed there are ways to be more efficient. There was also a brief discussion regarding ownership of buses.

IV. REPORTS
1. Chairman’s Report
   None
2. Superintendent’s Report
   Dr. Compton said she would like to get the meetings set up as soon as possible and said Mr. Connors will be invited to all future meetings. He was not invited to this one since it’s purpose was mainly organizational.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Ms. Nesteriak) to adjourn
SO VOTED
AFFIRMATIVE: Jim Garofolo, Beth Nesteriak
MOTION PASSES: 2-0

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk