

**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES COMMITTEE
APRIL 9, 2012
MINUTES**

Mr. Crossley, Committee Chair, call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the education Center Board Room.

Board Members in attendance: Mr. Crossley, Mr. Elsier, Mrs. Hartford, Mrs. Semmens

Administration in attendance: Dr. Betts, Mr. Szablowski, Mr. Grenewald

Public in attendance: 1

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence

No Public Comment

The minutes of the March 5, 2012 Facilities Committee minutes were moved by Mrs. Semmens, second by Mr. Elsier. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Mr. Grenewald and Mr. Szablowski reviewed the results of the bids for a replacement pick-up truck. There was a discussion on the lack of local dealer participation and that there was no significant discount for purchasing more than one vehicle or for the opportunity to advertise on the vehicles. The Committee recommended that one vehicle be purchased from the low bidder, Brian Hoskins ford, Coatesville, PA for a price of \$31,119.

Administration reviewed the procedure used to evaluate architectural firms to provide a District-Wide Feasibility Study. After review of the proposals from each firm, the list was narrowed to 4 firms who were interviewed by Dr. Betts, Mr. Grenewald and Mr. Szablowski. Based on the interviews, Administration is recommending EI Associates, Harrisburg, PA to perform the study at a cost of \$15,000. The report should be ready by mid to late summer. The committee recommended EI Associates to be added to the next Board agenda and suggested the solicitor review the contract.

Mr. Grenewald and Mr. Szablowski updated the committee on the District's utility usage and the numerous initiatives over the last few years to control the cost of utilities. The committee discussed the purchasing of the electric commodity and the timing for extending the existing contract given the low

current and future rate for electricity. The existing Demand Response program was discussed as well as a new program offered through Met-Ed, the District's electric utility. The natural gas consumption and choice of tariffs for each of the buildings was discussed. The savings realized for this past winter were significant given the mild winter. The 12-13 budget numbers will be similar to the 11-12 budget to conservatively budget on a normal winter. Overall the district has made very positive decisions to limit the utility expenditures over the last few years. Mr. Elsier suggested possibly tracking utility usage by square footage of each building for comparison.

Mrs. Semmens discussed building walk-throughs by Board members and suggested that these be scheduled while students are still in school. There was also discussion on the JHW building and the roof project for an update. The review of athletic fields and their usage was requested to be included in the District Feasibility study. The updated Capital Projects for this summer were discussed, especially the BES Bathroom renovations and the EES Water project.

There was no public comment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.