

MINUTES OF THE
BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
of the Board of Education
Riverside School District No. 96
held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008
in the Blythe Park Elementary School Library
Riverside, Illinois

Committee chair Linda Bade called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Nancy Jensen and Mrs. Hareena Wakely (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)
Absent: Mrs. Linda Bade
Also Present: Dr. Jon Lamberson, superintendent; Blythe Park School principal, Bob Chleboun; technology director Vern Bettis; maintenance director Bill Radtke; staff member Kevin Wolf and one interested citizen of the community.

There were no reports or comments from delegations or individuals.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss:

- a. Possible 2008-09 Life Safety or other building projects

Maintenance director Bill Radtke and Supt. Lamberson described the condition of each of the five district schools noting the work that has already been completed and what needs to be considered for the summer of 2009.

Bill Radtke reported that a total of twenty-four (24) windows have been broken since the start of the 2008-09 school year and had to be replaced. Police reports were made regarding the vandalism but no one has been arrested. New outdoor lighting will be installed around the perimeter of Blythe Park School to illuminate the parking lots and entryways. The Village will be consulted regarding the code requirements, etc.

It is recommended that the Blythe Park auditorium seats be repaired or replaced and new lighting installed in the facility. If approved, the work would be completed in the summer of 2009.

Mr. Radtke reported that the District is going "green" by the beginning of December. New paper towel dispensers will be installed in all of the schools' bathrooms (at no cost to the District) and the towels will be made of recycled paper and uniform throughout the district. All cleaning products will be changed to meet "green" standards with the exception of the disinfectants.

At Hollywood School it was reported that the compressor unit is very old and not working well. Extensive repair or replacement will be necessary and proposals will be sought for the work. Because of the age of the building, there is a potential of broken pipes becoming an issue as experienced in the past. The roof over the gym will also be replaced during the summer because of leaking and the ceiling repainted. Some sidewalk replacement will also be considered.

There are several projects for consideration at Ames School. Mr. Radtke reported that the current boiler was installed incorrectly and the condensation pipe is too low to properly drain the excess water. As a result, the pipes are becoming clogged with water and not allowing the steam to reach the heating units. To compensate for this problem the maintenance staff must drain the pipes of water and air on a daily basis in order to heat the building. It will be necessary to install a new Hartford loop to eliminate the problem. The work will be planned for completion in the summer of 2009.

Earlier in the year a large tree fell on the existing playground equipment causing a great deal of damage. Because of the age of the equipment, replacement parts are no longer available and the building code regulations have changed. Several options are being considered for the safety of the children at Ames and in the neighborhood. Also, new light fixtures will be installed around the building to illuminate the parking lot and entryways at Ames.

Due to the enrollment of a new handicapped student at Ames, there is a need to install a ramp off the parking lot entrance. Architect Mark Miller will be contacted for specifications.

Hauser Junior High School is in need of tuckpointing to eliminate water damage caused by seepage from rain and snow. This project is planned for the summer of 2009. The first estimate came in at \$220,000. The goal is to have the tuckpointing work completed before any hardscape/landscape projects are begun around the building.

Discussion took place regarding the possible addition to Hauser for set construction and storage. It was noted at the last Building Committee meeting that the cost was too prohibitive to consider expansion. Supt. Lamberson stated that consideration was given to the possibility of bringing in a double-wide trailer for that purpose during the fall play and spring musical but when checking further they found that part of the wall in front of Hauser would have to be removed as well as some shrubbery in order to fit between the two buildings. Mr. Radtke suggested that the set construction be done in the garage this year and that the PODS continue to be used for storage between productions. The District's truck would be parked outside during this period of time.

Central School will have additional outdoor lighting installed by the entryways and facing out to the parking lot. A new water heater will be installed over the summer at a cost of about \$7,000.

Supt. Lamberson reported on his meeting with architect Mark Miller and Village Manager Katie Rush regarding the district's plans for upgrading the hardscape and landscape areas including the widening of sidewalks, addition of pavers to increase student gathering areas, and seating configurations for outdoor classrooms. Mark Miller will prepare several different options for the plan and it is anticipated that the projects will be bid in April for completion in the summer of 2009.

Because of budget constraints in the Village of Riverside, the Parks and Recreation Department has been directed to conduct their activities on a self-sustaining basis. Since they use the Riverside Schools regularly throughout the year for various activities including basketball, soccer and volleyball for which they are charged a minimal fee to use the facilities. Parks and Recreation director Laure Kosey has asked to be able to use the facilities without having a district custodian present on weekends to lower the cost of their programs. However, because the buildings are secured by alarm, a custodian would still have to open up the facilities and then

return following the activity to clean and set the alarms. No recommendation was made at this time.

The subject of student enrollment for 2009-10 was discussed and the possibility of the need for a 9th section of kindergarten. It is possible that there may be 190+ kindergarteners next year. If that is the case a 9th section of kindergarten would have to be opened at either Central or Hollywood. Dr. Lamberson stated that he did not anticipate the need for mobile units in 2009-10 but that could be a possibility in 2010-11. The cost for a double-wide mobile classroom is estimated to be \$30,000. Installation of plumbing, electric, etc. would bring to cost to \$90,000 each. The only area available for these units would be the Hauser/Central playground which could accommodate a maximum of eight (8) units. State code requires that these units must be at least 30 feet from an existing structure. Further discussion will take place following kindergarten registration in the spring.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jensen, supported by Mrs. Wakely, that the Building Committee meeting be adjourned.

The time was 7:20 p.m.

Judith Novak, Board Secretary

Nancy Jensen, Committee Member

Hareena Wakely, Committee Member