

Green Mountain Unified School District Board
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 5, 2018
Superintendent's Office
6:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER:

Board: Marilyn Mahusky, Joseph Fromberger, Michael Studin, Rick Alexander, Kathy Muther, Jeff Hance

Staff: Meg Powden, Cheryl Hammond, Jim Spaulding

Public: Naomi Johnson, Alonzo Neff, Carol Neff, Steve Sykes

Ms. Mahusky called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. APPROVE AGENDA:

Ms. Powden requested that the CAES update be first before the snow plowing bids. Mr. Fromberger **moved** to approve the agenda with the CAES update first. Mr. Alexander seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CAES Update—Electrical Conduit

Ms. Powden noted that there have been 3 tests of the water system, and it had to be flushed with chlorine to remove any E.coli bacteria. She advised that they have passed the water test.

Ms. Johnson advised that a test needed to be done of the underground service line. It is called a Megger test. The electrician that the board hired, HB Energy, conducted the test. There are 3 phases in the test A, B and C and he wasn't getting good conduction on C. The test indicated that the C phase was likely damaged by the infiltration of water. He recommended that the school get another firm to verify those results as the electrician is not a testing agency and doesn't perform that test as often as a testing agency. They did have a testing agency come in to do that test and they verified the results that the electrician had gotten, which is that the electrical service has issues with the insulation on the wiring. They are currently waiting for the written report, but they have prepared a plan in the event that the test came back negative, and have asked for quotes for replacing the existing conduit. Ms. Dufresne indicated that this will likely not be covered by insurance due to the underground nature of the problem. The existing conduit is only 3" and therefore not large enough to put in new wires. She explained that the price to install the electrical conduit was just over \$20,000. It wasn't done at that time because it wasn't necessary at the time. As a result of this test, there is now a need for the conduit replacement. They have a price for the conduit, but not yet a price to run the actual service. They have sought pricing from 4 different companies, but only requested it on Friday last week. They have requested bids to be received by tomorrow.

There was discussion about the \$20,335 quote including 4 4" conduits. They originally only needed two but asked for 3 incase they needed an additional conduit for an upgrade in the future or phone lines. She explained that the spare conduits aren't a necessity, but they are advisable since there is a trench being dug for the 2 necessary ones. Ms. Spaulding noted that he was speaking with the GMP representative earlier today and there were concerns about the weight of the aerial lines causing the mast to be ripped from the building again as happened in the past. He

recommended the additional conduits for the technology lines. Mr. Neff described the GMP work and the recommendation for the additional conduits for the phone lines.

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The board considered this proposal, but deferred the decision until the next meeting.

B. Snow Blowing Bids for GMUHS and CAES

Ms. Hammond reviewed the bids that they received for the snow plowing. The board discussed these rates. They also discussed seeing if the town of Chester would plow the parking lots and driveways for them. Mr. Spaulding advised he will check with David Pisha, the town manager. Further discussion was deferred until the next meeting.

IV. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be on November 15 at CAES. If CAES is not available, the meeting will be at GMUHS. There will be a special meeting on November 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Superintendent's office.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Fromberger **moved** to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Mr. Studin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Wilson
Board Recording Secretary