

MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT #70
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2010
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

CALL TO ORDER

The Building Committee meeting began at 6:03 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present – Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Ori, Mr. Stufflebeam

Others – Mr. Sondgeroth, Nicole Powell

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Tour of Building – The Committee took a quick tour of the building. Mr. Sondgeroth pointed out different items on the Committee's list of priorities that had been completed over the summer. Those items included ceiling issues in the library, the installation of a pole at the east entrance gate to the playground and the continuing work on the kitchen's walk-in freezer/refrigeration unit. In addition, the Committee discussed a dying tree at the east end of the property and the possibility of removing the bushes at the entrance of the building.

Kitchen Cooler Issues – During the tour of the building, the Committee stopped to see the work on the kitchen's walk-in freezer/refrigeration unit. Demolition has occurred and the space is currently empty. The replacement unit had to be re-ordered in early July after demolition discovered some unexpected issues with the flooring. The unit has a guaranteed delivery date of August 9, with TSI assuring Monroe that installation will begin immediately that same week so that the cooler is in place by the start of school. In the mean time, Monroe has had to make alternative arrangements to store its deliveries of frozen foods. Over the summer, Oak Grove East School graciously stored Monroe's frozen foods. After a plan fell through to have Butch's Pizza donate a freezer truck to Monroe to store its frozen foods, Monroe secured space at Share Foods on Adams St. where it is currently having its foods delivered and stored until they can be moved back to the completed freezer at Monroe.

Review of Board Goal #1 – The Committee reviewed Board Goal #1 and its accompanying needs document. Several of the items on the needs document were completed within the last several months or are currently being completed. The Committee discussed the status of the boiler piping that runs in the tunnels. A proposal for work to be done was to be completed by PSA Dewberry, but that was put on hold and never completed. Due to funding issues, the work to continue installing ceiling fans in the classrooms was also put on hold. Monroe continues to monitor the playground which was only seal-coated this past year and not re-paved as was the parking lot.

Gymnasium Renovation – Earlier in the meeting, the Committee toured the gym. Discussion of the condition of the gym floor continued when the group returned to the office after the tour. Within the past several months, the floor has begun to deteriorate very quickly. There are a lot of tiles that have started curling up at the seams. Loose tiles can be heard, felt and seen while walking on them. The Committee discussed the issue being a greater safety issue than it was in the past and will talk to the entire Board at its next meeting in August to recommend the initiation of a life safety amendment by the architect to address the issue. The Committee continued to discuss the overall project and what issues it will face including funding, storage, replacement flooring and bleachers, time lines, use of volunteers, and communication of the project to the public.

