

## **RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227**

### **BUDGET/PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**OCTOBER 21, 2008**

The Budget/Property Committee of the Board of Education of Rich Township High School District 227 met on October 21, 2008, at 6:35 p.m. in the Rich Central Media Center.

Mrs. Moten called the meeting to order.

Present: Moten, Norwood, Upshaw, Brookins (6:55 p.m.), Owens (7:00 p.m.)

Also Present: Mr. Hampton, Mr. Hunigan, Mrs. Treichel, Mr. Licatesi, Mr. Thiele (Gilbane)

Mr. Thiele presented a closeout summary of the construction projects. Rich East High School work was comprised of renovations only. The work was performed during summer breaks and was divided over two summers. Summer 2007 work consisted of replacing the existing steam heating system with a new hot water heating system. New ceilings, lighting and a fire alarm system were installed as well as miscellaneous finishes, painting and flooring and door replacements. Summer 2008 work consisted of new ceilings, lighting, and miscellaneous finishes, painting and flooring and door replacements. The boys' and girls' locker rooms were completed. Interior renovation of the existing school lobby was completed as well as expansion of the existing parking lot. Rich East required extensive asbestos abatement.

Rich South's construction projects were comprised of both an addition and renovations. The addition was a new kitchen and cafeteria of approximately 26,000 square feet. The renovation work was spread over two summers – 2007 and 2008. The renovations during the summer of 2007 consisted of a boiler replacement, new electrical service, plumbing and electrical work. In addition regrading and landscaping was completed to the addition and the existing baseball field. During the summer of 2008, the former kitchen and cafeteria areas were gutted and rebuilt to house a new Media Center. Demolition and reconstruction of the existing tennis courts was also completed. Asbestos abatement was required.

Rich Central's construction projects were comprised of both an addition and renovations. The addition was a new administration annex of approximately 21,000 square feet. The renovation work at Rich Central was spread over the two summers of 2007 and 2008 and included new electrical service, miscellaneous plumbing and electrical work, new classrooms, regrading and landscaping. The existing baseball field was regraded and resurfaced. A new staff parking lot and demolition and reconstruction of the existing exterior courtyard was completed. Asbestos abatement was required.

Mrs. Brookins asked about additional security cameras. Mr. Hampton stated that additional cameras were added at all three campuses. Mrs. Brookins responded that it seems an incident is never on the cameras. Mr. Hunigan noted that it is possible the cameras are rotating when the incident occurs. Mr. Thiele stated that some of the old cameras were replaced. There is a marriage problem with the old system and the new system working together. They are still tweaking the system.

Mr. Hampton noted that there was still \$227,000 remaining in the construction budget. There is not sufficient lighting in the parking lot at Rich Central. The Rich East small gym is a life safety hazard. There is no traction on the floor. The District has 1.8 million dollars in life safety dollars. The District can transfer some of the money it has already spent into life safety work.

Mrs. Upshaw asked if life safety is approved every year.

Mr. Hampton responded it is. In November there is a tentative levy. It has to be approved by the State. He noted he is recommending 1 million dollars be transferred into life safety work. Then the District will have a reserve for other projects. The District has completed about 20 million dollars of life safety work.

Mr. Hampton stated that he would have the alternative construction projects listed in the packet for November 6 for approval. These projects are the Rich Central cafeteria furnishings and the Rich East cafeteria furnishings. The remaining projects, the Rich Central baseball concession stand/press box, Rich East small gym remodeling, and Rich Central Main Parking Lot Upgrade, will be recommended at the November 18 Board meeting.

Mr. Hampton discussed the District's agreement with FlexMedia. Initially the Board talked about having the fencing at all three campuses. The District would need 75 advertisers. He noted he was recommending the District start with one fence that can be utilized at all the campuses. As the District gets more advertisements, it can get another fence.

Mrs. Brookins noted the District might want to solicit from other colleges for advertisements.

Mr. Hampton stated the contract with FlexMedia was for two years. He noted he would bring it before the full Board in November.

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Mr. Hampton stated he wanted to go out for bids for the District's Risk Management, benefits broker, auditors, transportation, and law firms. He will bring to the Board in November or December.

Mr. Hampton noted that the thresholds as they relate to bids was raised. He will have a discussion on this at a future Board meeting.

Mrs. Moten asked about televisions in the weight rooms.

Mr. Hampton noted he had the dollars for the televisions and was working on where to install them.

At 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Moten adjourned the meeting.

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Chairperson