

SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 17, 2020
MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

Vision Statement

**We enable all Sherman Students to become the best possible version of themselves.
We provide an environment where our children develop into empathetic, self-directed,
critical thinkers who don't give up when faced with challenges.**

The Maintenance Committee meeting of the Sherman Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Laughlin at 11:02 AM on November 17, 2020.

1. PRESENT:

For the Board:	Mrs. Diotte, Mr. Laughlin and Mr. Neunzig
Administration:	Dr. Melendez
Staff	Ms. DePuy and Mr. Lombardozzi
Residents:	1 Member of the Public

2. DISCUSSED:

Discussion took place regarding emergency power needs and failures in recent emergency events. The generator is reaching the end of it's useful life at 20 years in age, has been burning oil and there have been complaints about noise and exhaust. Resolving issues related to emergency facility use include replacement of the generator as well as wiring and connection issues which would need to be mitigated to allow for full systems to be powered, mainly HVAC and door access systems during an emergency. The generator's age requires someone to monitor and support the system rather than in independently operating as it should.

Discussion also took place regarding the K-Wing and continued concerns about the closed section of the building impacting operable sections and systems. Potential growth of bacteria in unutilized piping continues to be a concern, especially with dead end pipes throughout this wing and broader building. New public health regulations regarding air quality and ventilation are also causing concerns as the K-Wing while closed is not properly air sealed.

Discussion then turned to playground replacement and siting related to septic systems and reserves. Tim Simpkins, Sherman Health Director, was on site to review options and is analyzing filings and schematics to advise on potential issues related to installation of new equipment above leaching fields or within field reserve areas.

Finally, discussion took place regarding capital plan priorities and what projects may be required within a maintenance in place scenario. Mr. Lombordozzi reviewed a compiled list totaling approximately \$14M based on the Friar report, Tecton analysis and updates based on current conditions which in some cases have deteriorated further since the last conditions assessment in 2018. Further refinements to immediate needs and options to address some urgent items in the short term were requested for consideration.

3. ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Laughlin
Chair, Maintenance Committee