

SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY - NOVEMBER 30, 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 5:05 PM on November 30, 2020.

1. PRESENT:

For the Board: Mrs. Diotte and Mr. Laughlin
Administration: Dr. Melendez
Staff Mr. Lombardozzi

2. DISCUSSED:

Discussion took place regarding capital plan priorities and immediate repair needs. Mr. Lombardozzi reviewed initial projects and provided an overview of status with respect to cost estimations. These included water system repairs and roofing repairs, as well as review of what elements of those projects could be impacted by a future capital plan project. Quotations for roofing were being gathered. The generator and associated electrical systems were also reviewed from a cost and impacts perspective.

Mr. Lombardozzi explained that a fire inspection was conducted related to emergency use of the school facility, the output capacity of the existing generator is not suitable to power needed emergency systems and identified as an additional concern.

Review of fire suppression systems located in the basement of the K-Wing also took place. Options for repair to these systems were discussed, overhaul of the system would be ideal, however, the system location, associated adjacencies to water tanks and the plumbing engineering to keep pressure throughout the building presents unique challenges. Options to repair existing system components were discussed and more information after consultation with vendors would be provided. Fire safety systems were recently tested and at this time remain in operable condition.

Discussion also took place regarding the playground proposal. Tim Simpkins, Sherman Health Director, suggested further septic evaluation would likely be required including digging of the distribution box area for testing. Reports were provided regarding use of the reserve area for equipment installation. Mr. Lombardozzi discussed the secondary system at the rear of the building taking a majority of the discharge load. Review of that system in relation to a future capital project was discussed in addition to potential need to expand the system to the reserve area where the playground was proposed.

Finally, discussion took place regarding capital planning timing and next steps. The Committee concurred that consultation with the Board of Selectmen was needed and that engagement regarding next steps and feedback was essential to proceeding with a plan of some type to address long term capital needs.

3. ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Laughlin
Chair, Maintenance Committee