

Quakertown Community School District

Board Facilities Committee Meeting
October 1, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Present were Stephen Ripper, Chairperson; Robert Smith, Committee member, Kelly Harper, Bob Riegel, George Moore, and representatives from GCA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – RECOMMENDATION NEEDED

SHS - EEED Display (Dashboard for utility usage)

After a short discussion, Mr. Ripper asked that this topic be referred to the SHS Administration for recommendation.

HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION UPDATE

George Moore/Norm Long

George Moore handed out the construction update document, and reviewed change orders that are proposed for the October 8, 2015 Board agenda. Board members had questions about G-062 and P-036. George provided explanations and after discussion, the committee recommended the change orders, totaling \$29,627.59 for inclusion on the October 8, 2015 Board meeting agenda.

Although not included on the agenda, George had Paul from Liberty Engineering report on the status of the rear sports field renovations and the progress on permitting. Based on the current status, it would be possible to start construction of those fields in the Spring. There are significant costs associated with building fields on the new land for several reasons. Some draft plans will be reviewed next month.

INFORMATION/OTHER ITEMS:

GCA Quarterly report

Introductions of GCA managers (Chuck, Arlin and Douglas)

Chuck, Arlin, and Douglas reviewed their quarterly report. Board members asked a number of questions. Communication was identified as one of the worst issues. Board members expressed concerns about management turnover, inconsistency in performance, coordination, and quality. Mr. Murphy communicated that he has personally taken oversight of our buildings and that he is committed to make sure they are fixed. Staffing and training issues have been addressed and are still being addressed. Mr. Moreno further reported on his transition and work with Mr. Harper to get familiar with the requirements and nuances of each building. They are making repairs to equipment and replacing equipment.

Board members emphasized that they have heard numerous assurances over the past two years that improvements will take place, but they haven't materialized. There has been plenty of time to show results.

Mr. Harper reported on the Google survey system that has been put in place and how it works.

Other issues:

Use of a grill at Visitor's concession (QMPO)

Mr. Smith reported that QMPO wanted to use a propane grill during games. Mr. Harper discussed various concerns of liability, damage, and injury, in addition to storage and safety concerns. Mr. Smith will talk with QMPO and try to find a solution to these issues.