

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
***FINANCE AND FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE***  
**PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

**Special Meeting Topics:** Discussion and Overview of various school building projects proposed to be Covered by ESSER/ARPA Grant Funds  
▶ New Air Conditioning Unit at the Middle School of Plainville (Gymnasium)  
▶ Purchase of Classroom Instructional Monitors (MSP)  
▶ Plainville High School Pool Renovations: painting of Pool area, repair/replacement of Benches, tiles and drains in the Pool area

**Place and Time:** Plainville High School Learning Commons at 5:30 PM

**Members Present:** Subcommittee Chair Foster White, Rachel Buchanan, Cassandra Clark and Board Chair Lori Consalvo, Ex-officio

**Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Steven K. LePage, Superintendent of Schools  
Sam Adlerstein, Director of Business and Operations  
Mike Smith, Director of Facilities  
Kevin Ross, Director of IT  
Board Members: Roberta Lauria, Rebecca Martinez, Crystal St. Lawrence, and Becky Tyrrell

**Early Departures:** None

Finance and Facilities Subcommittee Chair Foster White called the special meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 5:45 PM.

Director of Facilities Mike Smith was in attendance as was Director of IT, Kevin Ross who presented their proposals and answered questions of the subcommittee.

The subcommittee discussed four basic items:

- ▶ ESSER funding that had been expended on smaller projects that doesn't require Board approval.
- ▶ Review of three ESSER projects that will require Board approval as they are amounts exceeding \$100,000.

--The subcommittee reviewed an Air conditioning proposed project for the Middle School gymnasium. The project is currently somewhat up in the air as there are some unknown factors that will need to be dealt with. The subcommittee did look at one project that had to be cast aside which would require drilling through a wall which would be of lower cost but there is concern that it will weaken the structure of the wall and could create hazards to activities within the gym itself.

The subcommittee also looked at a proposal to put the air conditioning equipment on the roof, but there is a factor as to whether the roof can sustain the weight of the equipment as it is approximately twice the weight of the existing equipment on the roof currently. There is also a question regarding the power to support the equipment which is also unknown at this time. It is also not known if the capacity within the structure can take the load of the equipment.

Mr. Smith stated that there are always many variables and complexities when doing a project of this magnitude. He will keep the Board updated as to any decisions that are made or problems that may arise. This unit will produce both heat and air conditioning and may also need an electrical upgrade to run the compressors. Mr. Smith stated that he may need to come back with more information.

**Cost: Approximately \$250,000**

--The subcommittee also looked at an upgrade to the pool area in the High School. Most of the work done to the pool area was done prior to 2008. There are conditions that are requiring repair, i.e., drainage around the pool, benches need to be replaced, and painting of the pool area with enamel paint (using PHS school colors).

Mrs. Buchanan asked about the hardness of Plainville's water and if water softeners would help in the pool area. She also questioned the state of the pool locker rooms.

Mrs. Clark asked if it would be feasible to ask Alumni to purchase tiles which could be used in the pool area and can be used as a source of revenue.

**Cost: Approximately \$120,000**

--The subcommittee also looked into display monitors being placed in the middle school as they are the only school that doesn't have the interactive display modules. Mr. White stated that this is a very important teaching tool and is very effective. Mr. White stated that all three of these projects will require Board approval on the Board agenda.

Mr. White stated that it is possible that all of these projects could come in less than the amount requested but there are always contingencies. The Subcommittee will be asked to move these projects forward so they can be approved at this evening's Board meeting.

Mr. Ross stated that all of the displays will be installed in-house. These displays are interchangeable. Internal boxes can be added down the road.

**Cost: Approximately \$140,000**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY CASSANDRA CLARK TO BRING THE AFOREMENTIONED THREE PROJECTS TO THE UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING THIS EVENING FOR FINAL APPROVAL. THE BOARD WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE USE OF ESSER FUNDING FOR THESE THREE PROPOSED PROJECTS. RACHEL BUCHANAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING AT 6:45 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CASSANDRA CLARK. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Calistro  
Recorder of Minutes