

**OCTORARA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 12, 2024 – 6:05 PM  
Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room**

Facility Committee members in attendance: Mr. Zimmerman, chair; Mr. Falgiatore, Mr. Koennecker, and Mr. Norris.

Other members present were Mr. Hurley, Mr. Lusby, Ms. Metzler, and Ms. Williamson. Also in attendance were Mrs. Hardy, Secretary, and Mr. Domowicz, Business Manager. There were no visitors.

Mr. Domowicz reported the five-year lease for the modular classrooms at the Chester County Training Center will be completed by the end of July.

Mr. Domowicz reported the three wells on District property will be tested. If any need to be replaced, they will need to be above ground. There is a need for a secondary pump due to no redundancy in the system. More information will be shared when the engineering reports are returned. The District also did independent water testing and participates in annual lead testing.

There will be a 6' tall fence installed around the playground of the Elementary School to alleviate students getting shocked from the electric fence on the neighbor's property. The cost for the fence will be approximately \$22,000.

The cost of replacing the plaster in the hallway at the Sr. High School is \$22,500. This includes removal of the old plaster and replacement. It does not include painting.

Mr. Domowicz said the District is having trouble employing someone with HVAC experience. In the meantime, he is looking into getting proposals from companies to provide a technician for weekly maintenance.

Mr. Domowicz reported the underground oil storage tanks are leaking near the top of the tanks. There is no contamination. The District converted to natural gas and the oil is no longer needed. The oil will be pumped out and the tanks cleaned and partially filled with cement.

The contractors started the electrical upgrade in the Welding classroom today and should be finished within 30 days. The District will get a proposal to convert the storage space behind the classroom into more classroom space.

The sidewalk repair began today and should be completed in seven days – weather dependent. They will return in the spring to assure there is no shifting.

The Jr. High cafeteria floor will be replaced, including asbestos removal, this summer. A contract for replacement will be forthcoming.

The committee discussed rebuilding or replacing the heating system above the cafeteria at the Intermediate School. Rebuilt equipment will cost \$24,975 with a two-week lead time for

replacement. Replacement would cost \$110,000, not including labor, and could take up to 18 months to get the equipment. The committee decided to pursue the rebuilt equipment and look into using ESSER funds for replacement in the future.

Mr. Domowicz reported purchasing glycol for the boiler system at a cost of \$5,100.

Mr. Falgiatore suggested putting temporary fencing with signage up at the Elementary playground.

The committee adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill L. Hardy, Secretary  
Octorara Board of School Directors