

**Forestville Board of Education Meeting
August 6, 2020 4:00PM-Zoom Transcript**

Carol Woodward: And now we will call the Board of Education meeting to order.

Carol Woodward: Okay. At this time, I would like to introduce Michael DiPerna from C&S Company. He will be giving us a construction project update.

Michael DiPerna: Good afternoon, everyone. Nice to meet you all. And see you for the first time, I guess you can say.

Michael DiPerna: So there was a PowerPoint that was put together by Young & Wright, your architectural firm concerning the project. They were unable to join us. But I just wanted to make sure that number one you saw that and we can go through each slide. We are mainly involved in the phase two portion of the Capital Project. So I might not have the complete answers to some of the others, but we can do our best to provide you with any update you might have or even, you know, get back to Renee and get you answers concerning that.

Michael DiPerna: You want to go to each slide, Renee. And then I can take it from there.

Michael DiPerna: You know projects that are happening Capital Outlays. And then the phase one of your capital project and your phase two of capital project.

Michael DiPerna: The Capital Outlay portion of it was done pretty much I think read like a punch list phase on that one. So that was sort of the agenda and then here's the team that's involved.

Michael DiPerna: With the project working closely with Young and Wright's team, Darryl, my onsite guy, he might be tied up with some stuff. I'm not sure if he got on. But he is on site today.

Darryl Murszewski: I'm here, Mike. So sorry.

Michael DiPerna: So I will introduce Darryl, our onsite construction manager for your project.

Michael DiPerna: Next slide.

Michael DiPerna: Right. So this is the Capital Outlay for the renovation of the science room 313 and they provided us with some before and after pictures of it. Again, I think there is some punch list items that they're working on still there. I believe that is in pretty close to being completed and 100%.

Carol Woodward: That looks amazing.

Michael DiPerna: There's a room 304.

Carol Woodward: Wow. Alright, so different.

Michael DiPerna: Yeah, it's a nice space and then some renovations to the classroom ceilings before and after.

Michael DiPerna: Again, that work is believed to be very close to being done, Darryl, maybe you can help me on that one.

Darryl Murszewski: I think this is the future Capital Outlay project that's the So what you're seeing are some existing spline and surface mounted lighting conditions and somebody's elementary classroom ceilings and the future capital outlay projects would look at addressing some of those conditions, addressing them with reconstructed ceilings and lighting.

Michael DiPerna: And I believe that's next year's Capital Outlay.

Michael DiPerna: Then the Phase one is paving work that was done.

Michael DiPerna: At the middle school/high school that work has been completed and then we're in the contract close out stages of both of those and also the next slide would be roofing that was completed at the middle school/high school

Michael DiPerna: So this is, this is part of the Capital Project now. And so then Phase two is where we came in and were involved in. So some before and after pictures again of the science room work. The unit ventilator replacement the emergency generator that was installed.

Michael DiPerna: So there's the science room 312, that's the design for the room. We're in the midst of construction there and I believe in really good shape to finish that room up by September.

Michael DiPerna: And things weren't going in. I think next week countertops going in and some tiling that has to be done, but I think we're in pretty decent shape.

Darryl Murszewski: Yeah, I believe the next slide will have some kind in process for well along now. And some of the work and cabinetry and countertops are scheduled to arrive as early as tomorrow.

Darryl Murszewski: So things are moving ahead.

Michael DiPerna: And that's the new generator and next week, the fence will be installed.

Michael DiPerna: I think mid, mid part of next week for the fencing that goes around that.

Renee Garrett: Does the Board have any questions for our construction company C&S?

Carol Woodward: It looks amazing. I think just the heaters being put in the elementary is going to make a huge difference. You know, it was so spread from room to room, you know, and caught you know efficiency to.

Michael DiPerna: I mean you know we all understand the circumstances that were under with COVID 19 and dealing with that and you know there were some struggles as we started in, in March. But we've worked through a lot of those struggles. A lot of the issues that we ran into Darryl has done an amazing job on site just trying to keep things moving forward for us and we do feel very confident that we'll be able to complete the work in time.

Michael DiPerna: By the substantial completion date for the start of school, there might be some small stuff here and there to finish up punch list wise, things like that. But that is our goal.

Sylvester Cleary: Okay, thank you. I have a question about the fencing that's going around the generator. How high is the fencing going to be?

Michael DiPerna: Six foot

Darryl Murszewski: Yeah, I'll double check with the middle but it's intended to be, I believe, six-foot-high, it'll be green Fontan vinyl fabric.

Carol Woodward: Okay. Well, thank you so much.

Michael DiPerna: You're welcome. Thank you. It's good to virtually meet you all. Are there any other questions, please let us know?

Carol Woodward: Okay, thanks for the update

Michael DiPerna: You're Welcome. Have a good day.

Carol Woodward: You too. Okay. Well, go on to the next thing on the presentations, we are honoring one of our employees, who was retiring. Mrs. Marcinelli, can you help us honor them?

Lindsay Marcinelli: Debbie. Are you there? I don't see her anymore. Hopefully she just stepped up there. There she is. Okay. So I do, I am deeply saddened to have to say Goodbye to Deb, but I would like to say congratulations, because she has earned her time off, and she's just been an amazing person to work with.

Lindsay Marcinelli: Both one, when she was my colleague. When I was the school psychologist, she was so welcoming to me and now as the principal in the building and having her as a teacher. She's just been phenomenal. And I do want to say that she started with us in 1988 so she did complete 32 years with us in the district.

Lindsay Marcinelli: Which I mean we are as a community; we are deeply sad to see her go. And it is going to be a significant loss, in my opinion, to my building and to those

third grade students that were so hoping to have her next year. I did want to just share just two things, you know, I reached out to the staff to let them know that she was retiring. Because not many people knew, and it was a last minute decision. And I just asked for some words because when we do our next newsletter, I would really like to have a nice little article written about her. She's just done so much for us over the years and impacted so many lives.

Lindsay Marcinelli: In the outpouring of comments from her colleagues were just so telling of what an amazing person she is and the impact that she's had. I just wanted to share two I picked. One is Lisa Brewster, who actually had Deb as her cooperating teacher when she did student teaching. So she was able to learn so many things from her especially her excellent classroom management. And that she got she felt like she got to learn from the best. And also she just put in a little side note, that one of her daughters and her granddaughter both had Debbie Cook as a third grade teacher and she really feels as though that they had an amazing year because of that and really I can even say, you know, requested that she had her for her granddaughter this year. So she's really made an impact and Borrello who was been her co teacher. This year wrote: every grade teacher has to retire one day, but Ms Cook teachings will always remain. Ms Cooks kindness and creativity helped students to become a better version of themselves. My personal life tree is branching out more beautifully than ever because it seeds have been sold by an amazing teacher, coworker, friend and nurture. Enjoy your beautiful garden Ms. Cook for us will forever miss the flowering beauty that you brought each time you entered the building.

Lindsay Marcinelli: And I just feel like I couldn't say anything better than now when I saw that I had to just say it so truly, everyone is going to deeply miss her. And we hope that when COVID is over and life gets to be a little bit more normal, she will be back in our building, helping to sub for us and be visiting because I know that our staff and the students really are going to find an opportunity to have a proper goodbye.

Carol Woodward: That's awesome. And, you know, third grade is a really crucial year for kids. It really is. I remember struggling in third grade. So that's amazing that she's done such a great job. We thank you.

Michelle Merritt: Thanks.

Carol Woodward: Hey, are we are we all set here. Okay and thank you for coming Ms. Cook.

Carol Woodward: Okay, and we welcome everyone to stay for the rest of our meeting, but if you wish to leave at this time. You may and we thank you for coming.

Mervin Fry: Carol before you proceed. Nancy would love to have public comment.

Carol Woodward: Okay, um, that's really the next one. Okay, we're just going to approve the agenda and then we will have public comment. Okay, Nancy.

Nancy Fry: I can stay quiet till then.

Carol Woodward: Okay. Now may, I have a motion to approve the agenda.

Sylvester Cleary: Move

Carol Woodward: Second

Carol Woodward: All in favor.

David Caccamise: Aye.

Sylvester Clearly: Aye.

Michelle Merritt: Aye.

Michael LoManto: Aye.

Amy Drozdziel: Aye.

Mervin Fry: Aye.

Carol Woodward: Aye.

Carol Woodward: Any opposed, okay. The motion is carried. Is there any public comment?

Carol Woodward: I have to just read you a little script. Okay. It is now time for public comment portion of our meeting, I would like to remind everyone that the rules for public comment have been provided to you and a handout next to the comment roster. Just a few reminders as you address the board. Please state your name. So that can be recorded in our minutes you will have five minutes to address the board. Our board Vice President will keep time and notify you when you have reached the four-minute mark and then when your five minutes are up. Please be advised. This is not intended to be a question and answer session. So the board may not respond to your questions or comments. This portion of the agenda is courtesy of the community so that they have an opportunity to bring up matters at this time for the Board's attention. Thank you. Okay. Nancy.

Nancy Fry: Thank you. My name is Nancy Adams Fry and I live on Pearl Street in Forestville the fact that there's going to be a lot of online tutoring and teaching this fall makes me think that there are children who might value a hands on tutoring over the internet or whether it's Skype or telephone and I'm searching and I know a lot of other people who are retired and want to help kids who don't necessarily have a hovering mother, grandmother, grandfather, dad right next door as they're studying. Might have some use for a daily tutorial session or playing of games or something that would be supplemental and helpful to their learning online. I don't know if I talked with the Boys and Girls Club and there's it possible that they'll be starting a program like that. If there's anything that's happening going to be happening in Forestville that would there be a possibility of this. I know. I'd be interested in

volunteering and I believe there are a lot of other people that would be interested in volunteering for this too. So thank you for this time and I know you've got a lot of issues and challenges and stresses right now and I just filed this away for when it comes the proper time to put something like this together. Thank you.

Carol Woodward: Oh, thank you for your comments. Nancy, so always pleasure to hear from you.

Carol Woodward: Is there any other public comment?

Carol Woodward: We'll go on next to the supervisory reports.

Carol Woodward: They're just in the packet. Right.

Renee Garrett: Yes, those reports are in your packet. Okay.

Carol Woodward: Okay, so we will go on to the board reports.

Carol Woodward: And Kristin sent us possible dates for our next board workshops. I'm okay with any date if anybody has a conflict could they have these let her know and then we can get together and figure out a date. You know those two dates, if that's okay.

Carol Woodward: Next thing is some senior exit interviews we sent them out by mail with return address envelopes and I got nine back. So I think in the future when things are cleared up a little bit. We can get together with Dan and go over them. And take it from there. Okay.

Carol Woodward: I was so pleased to get nine back. I was concerned, how many would come back and we did get some responses. Okay, any comments on that.

Carol Woodward: Okay, there have been no committee meeting, so just a reminder that Kristin will send an email with all the subcommittee meeting dates. Okay.

Carol Woodward: We'll go on to Mrs. Garrett; could you give us your report?

Renee Garrett: Absolutely. I know that you know this already. We have been busy preparing for the reopening of school and we are anticipating Governor Cuomo announcement, probably by tomorrow.

Renee Garrett: On what he thinks is going to happen with school. So we'll kind of we're on the edge of our seat waiting for that announcement.

Renee Garrett: I'd also like to recognize Jennifer Fitzgerald our District Treasurer, who has been awarded the New York School Insurance Reciprocal Sponsored Scholarship.

Renee Garrett: The scholarship provides New York's education professionals with outstanding training opportunities. Jennifer

scholarship allows her to attend the school business officials Leadership Academy

Renee Garrett: This is an award scholarship that was voted on by her colleagues and it will allow Jen to attend trainings that will not cost the district anything. It's a sponsorship. So congratulations, Jennifer.

Carol Woodward: Way to go girl.

Carol Woodward: Good job.

Carol Woodward: I mean, you know, that you should feel honored right.

Jennifer Fitzgerald: I do. I really appreciate it.

Carol Woodward: Yeah. And when whatever it takes to save the district money is go. So thank you.

Carol Woodward: Are there any other discussion items?

Carol Woodward: Is there any old business?

Carol Woodward: And now looking at number 10 on your agenda, may I have motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve items 10 A through D.

Michael LoManto: Move

Carol Woodward: Thank you. Second

Mervin Fry: Second.

Carol Woodward: Thank you. All in favor?

Carol Woodward: Are there any opposed, or abstain?

David Caccamise: Aye.

Sylvester Clearly: Aye.

Michelle Merritt: Aye.

Michael LoManto: Aye.

Amy Drozdziel: Aye.

Mervin Fry: Aye.

Carol Woodward: Aye.

Carol Woodward: Motion is carried

Carol Woodward: Additional items. May I have a motion to approve the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Mr. Michael Gajewski, Head Bus Driver effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Can I have a motion on that?

Michelle Merritt: sub moved

Carol Woodward: Thank you. Second,

Amy Drozdziel: Second.

Carol Woodward: Okay. All in favor.

David Caccamise: Aye.

Sylvester Clearly: Aye.

Michelle Merritt: Aye.

Amy Drozdziel: Aye.

Mervin Fry: Aye.

Carol Woodward: Aye.

Carol Woodward: Any opposed, or abstain?

Michael LoManto: Abstain.

Carol Woodward: Okay. Thank you, Michael. Motion is carried.

Carol Woodward: May I have a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history, our particular persons or matters, leading to the appointment employment promotion demotion discipline suspension dismissal or removal of particular person's

Michael LoManto: Mike. Sub move

Carol Woodward: Second?

Amy Drozdziel: Me. I'll second.

Carol Woodward: All in favor.

David Caccamise: Aye.

Sylvester Clearly: Aye.

Michelle Merritt: Aye.

Michael LoManto: Aye.

Amy Drozdziel: Aye.

Mervin Fry: Aye.

Carol Woodward: Aye. Any opposed, or abstain.

Carol Woodward: And the motion is carried at 4:19 PM.

Carol Woodward: May I have a motion to adjourn the meeting?

Amy Drozdziel: Move.

Mervin Fry: Second.

Carol Woodward: All in favor?

Michael LoManto: Aye.

Amy Drozdziel: Aye.

Mervin Fry: Aye.

Sylvester Cleary: Aye.

Dave Caccamise: Aye.

Michelle Merritt: Aye.

Carol Woodward: Aye. Any opposed? The motion is carried at 5:08 PM.