

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
CANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 1, 2025**

The Canton Area School District Board of Education held a Building and Grounds Committee meeting on Monday, April 1, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the high school library.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. John Ambruch, Mr. Dave DeCristo, and Mr. Tom Resavage were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Amy Martell, Superintendent; Mr. Mark Jannone, Business Manager, Attorney Cassi Blaney, Mr. Fred Richter, and Mr. Matt Pinches from TRANE.

SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Mr. Jannone called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and summarized the agenda items by indicating that this meeting was called to discuss:

- The procurement process so that Attorney Blaney would feel comfortable writing a certification letter indicating that the project followed appropriate procurement protocol.
- Allow for discussion between the committee and Mr. Pinczes to refine the details of the project and pricing.

Mr. DeCristo opened by asking Mr. Pinczes to review TRANE's response regarding adding shutoff valves to allow for improved refrigerant circuit isolation in the chiller. Mr. Pinczes explained that TRANE's warranty division was reluctant to cover the added potential areas of failure due to additional brazing. Mr. DeCristo argued that putting shut-off valves in could potentially save a substantial amount of money in the event of future repairs. Mr. Pinczes indicated again that he would revisit the possibility with the warranty division.

Mr. DeCristo asked if there are any incentives being assigned to any engineers for this project. Mr. Pinczes indicated that there were no incentives assigned to any engineers.

Further discussion ensued related to pricing and services available in this project and how they are delineated within the agreement.

Mr. Ambruch asked what the main risk would be for going over budget in this project. Mr. Pinczes indicated that he was concerned that the high school chiller may reveal additional leaks in the tubes and if they cannot be repaired, they will have to be replaced. Mr. Ambruch also questioned whether the contract covered the full amount of refrigerant regardless of the amount needed. Mr. Pinczes indicated that it did.

Mr. Resavage inquired as to whether or not it would be possible to purchase an extended warranty. Mr. Pinczes thought that it might be possible to purchase an extended warranty from five years to seven years, but he would check to confirm. He also indicated that if this were available it would have to be entered into at the onset.

Attorney Blaney requested a copy of the Omnia pricing specific to this contract.

There was some discussion about taking out approximately \$60,000 for annual service agreements and using that money to purchase and install a refrigerant detection system. Mr. Jannone will research with the current alarm monitoring contractor to see if they have the ability to add refrigerant detection notification.

Mr. Pinczes summarized the items that were still needed and indicated that he would forward them in the upcoming weeks.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Jannone
Business Manager/Board Secretary