Jan 20, 2022 | Buildings, Grounds & Safety Committee Meeting Notes

Attendees: Eileen Briamonte, Jessica DeWysockie, Joe Hammer, Lara Carducci, Linda Zhang, Mike Sockol, Scott Cascone, Michael Petrizzo, Ken Stromsland, Paul Green

Notes

- Multipurpose Turf Field Project Update*
 - Two resolutions on agenda involving installation of Multipurpose Turf Field near the Satz School.
 - Appointing Suburban Consultant for engineering support
 - Approval to enter into national co-op pricing agreement to realize potential savings
- Renewal of Contracted Services
 - Approval of landscaping and waste removal services recommended by committee
- Transportation Update
 - Report by Lara Carducci indicated that Issues with bussing are mainly tied to Covid and bus driver shortages
 - District's strong relationship with bus contractors and proactively working together early in Covid is paying off.
 - Jeff Rainess and Paula Ricco have been doing a tremendous job with the bus issues that have arisen.
 - We had some issues with children not sitting in their seats, not wearing seat belts and being disruptive. These are dealt with swiftly and appropriate action is taken (reviewing driver incident report and camera footage, alerting building principals, riding the bus, boarding the bus at arrival or dismissal to reinforce safety rules).
 - Lara Carducci and Paula Ricco communicate with the Village School bus drivers frequently to offer support and provide feedback to bus contractors, bus monitors and building principals.
 - Lara Carducci speaks with the bus contractors daily and will ride buses if needed.
 - District implemented a Peaceful School Bus program to create good behavior on the buses.
 - We had a 2 day event in the summer to get kids, which was well attended by parents and children, to teach bus safety and proper bus behavior
 - Looking into having one Bus Aide/Monitor to reinforce the desired behavior of the Peaceful Bus program.
 - Cost to have bus aides on all elementary school runs (18 Village and 17 IH) was \$380K/year
- Non-Monetary Donations*
 - Two non-monetary donations from Village PSA and HHS PTSO were recommended for acceptance
- Date and Time of next Committee Meeting: Feb 17 at 5:00 pm