

History of Building Committee (Re-distributed by ASB on 10-7-24)

Voluntown Public Schools
September 29, 2022

To: Members of the 22-23 Building Committee for Small Projects
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From: Adam S. Burrows – Superintendent of Schools

Re: Building Committee Meeting on **Tuesday, October 4, 2022** at 11:00 a.m.
in the central office Board of Education meeting room

===== Agenda =====

1. Membership, Purpose of the Building Committee, and projected sequence of events
2. Anthony Averill – APEX: Quote for moving a server, video surveillance upgrades, security upgrades, and telephone system.
3. Develop the wording for a motion for the upcoming Town Meeting to support the use of \$102,977 for Asbestos removal in hallways, replacing the old carpets with tiles, and other smaller projects.
4. Develop wording for a motion for the upcoming Town Meeting to approve submitting an HVAC grant application requesting \$170,000 with potential reimbursement for “eligible” expenses for central office HVAC replacement, window replacement, A/C in the remaining VES classroom, and other projects.
Approval at a town meeting is required to authorize:
 - The Building Committee to submit an HVAC application form to the School Facilities Unit of the State Department of Education (SDE) for their review and approval of the HVAC and other air quality projects.
 - The overall cost of the project is projected to be \$170,000 and this amount must be clearly stated and approved at a town meeting.
 - This authorizes the preparation of construction drawings and specifications.
 - Recent Board of Selectmen appointment of an HVAC Grant Building Committee
5. Recently CT-SDE approval of our requested adjustments in the ARP ESSER grant and an update of the funding sources for the work of this Building Committee.
6. The next meeting of the Building Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in the central office.

(ASB and DCL on 9-29-22)

Agenda Reporting Form

**Board of Education
Voluntown, Connecticut**

Board Meeting Date: August 11, 2022
Agenda Code: VI-4 (New Business)

Information Only:
Decision Requested: YES

Agenda Topic: Building Committee for Small Projects
(Asbestos Abatement, A/C for Gym, Security Upgrades)

Summary of the Issue:

Utilize available reimbursement and grants funds by appointing a Building Committee to guide the process of completing a number of smaller projects to upgrade our facilities. We just received verification that the State Department of Education has authorized the reimbursement of \$102,911 for eligible expenses for the oil tank replacement project. This is the result our work to complete forms documenting all finances and change orders. The Oil Tank Replacement Building Committee also followed all state procedures and maintained accurate and complete financial records as per the guidelines. The Board of Selectmen has indicated that, if justified and approved by a Town Meeting, the \$102,911 could be used for identified and needed school improvements.

Projects under review are:

- The oldest hallway in VES has a very old carpet on tiles that also require asbestos abatement.
- Security upgrades related to video surveillance, an improved telephone system, and linkage to an upgraded technology infrastructure.
- The old white house HVAC system needs to be removed and replaced at some point in time especially because the current inefficient units are struggling to maintain proper heat, A/C, and air flow. We are reviewing the installation of high efficiency mini splits that will be used for heat and air conditioning. We know these units will be very quiet and properly distribute and circulate the air to avoid hot and cold air streams.
- There are ESSER III funds already deposited in our grants management accounts and approved for installing air conditioning in our gymnasium. It is recommended that a building committee guide the process to select an engineer, develop an RFP, advertise the project, review bids or quotes, create a construction schedule, and use these federal funds to complete this project.

Every effort will be made to utilize grant funds and, if approved, reimbursement funds to complete projects. The committee will also monitor the release of any additional state grants and seek to complete any applications to secure additional funding.

Background: Our school system continually reviews ways to keep our school building in excellent health by carefully planned maintenance.

Alternative Strategies:	Amend, Edit
Beginning Date of Project:	Establish a Building Committee as soon as possible.
Ending Date of the Project:	A/C for Gym prior to the 2024 grant expiration date. Other projects would utilize available. Any needed asbestos work.
Recommendation:	Motion to approve the need for a building committee and verify these projects meet the educational and program goals of our Preschool through 8th grade programs located at VES and the central office. Motion to verify the Board of Selectmen appointment of a Building Committee to review Asbestos Abatement, A/C for Gym, Security Upgrades, and other school system improvements.

Signature of the Superintendent