

**School District 167**  
**Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting**  
**December 3, 2012**  
**5:00p.m.**

**Administrative Center**

**Present Members**

Lorrie Wheeler, Chair, Emma Kirtley, Hilary Myrick-Winston, Deborah Birmingham and Ron Sorsby,, Charlie Anderson

Call to Order 5:03pm

The July 2, 2012 Meeting was approved by Emma Kirtley and Mr. Anderson

**Discussion:**

- A. Work Completed to Date
  - Brookwood Middle School
    - Replaced stained tiles in fifth grade building bathrooms
    - Cafeteria fire exit door and frame replaced
    - Repaired fan in gym
    - Repaired East/west stairwell near stage
  - Hickory Bend, Longwood and Brookwood Jr. High
    - Wireless Temperature Control System installed in all schools except Brookwood Middle School.. When the new middle school is constructed the wireless system will be installed in the building.
    - BMS sign repaired and looks great.
- B. Incomplete Work
  - Brookwood Middle School
    - Library lighting and carpet tiles (anticipated completion during winter break 2012) \$12,000 budget previously approved by school board.
    - Bathroom baseboards
- C. Referendum Update
  - Board Member Deborah Birmingham stated that the new middle school will not be constructed until 2015, so it is important to still maintain the upkeep of the school especially if the board has available funds.
  - A recommendation was made to survey kids, parents and teachers about the design of the new middle school.

**Special Guest**

Mr. Thomas Szurgot from TRIA Architecture stopped by to introduce himself to the committee. He offered his help and wanted an opportunity to place his hat in the regarding building a new middle school. His firm has experience with building

schools and invited us to take a look at his website [www.triaarchitecture.com](http://www.triaarchitecture.com)

**Questions on the record:**

Q: Deborah Birmingham asked if the new wireless temperature control system could be installed in the existing school building.

A: Yes, but it would cost easily a million dollars to include it. The system will automatically be included in the new school.

Q: Emma Kirtley asked if the existing middle school building will still stand after the new building is constructed.

A: No, It will be demolished.

Q: Are there any capital improvement funds available for middle school library?

A: Not sure

Q: Mr. Sorsby: Why didn't the school board ask for a recommendation from the Buildings & Grounds committee regarding the purchase of an \$11,000 fence at Longwood School since this was a hot button issue in the community?

A: Not sure, but the board previously voted the recommendation down and it was put back on the agenda in the last two months. Deborah Birmingham informed the board that they violated board policy, but the majority of the board voted to purchase the fence.

**Building & Grounds Committee Recommendations**

- We made a suggestion for Mr. Anderson to get a few more quotes for the library carpet project.
- We also recommend that the library carpet and lighting project is completed during winter break.
- We recommend that the carpet reflects the school colors blue and gold.
- We recommend that the Brookwood Middle School should continue to be well maintained until a new school is constructed.
- We recommend that hot button issues regarding the building and grounds in District 167 be submitted to the Building & Grounds Committee for recommendations.
- We recommend that the children, parents, teachers and community of District 167 be involved in the design of the new Brookwood Middle School.
- We recommend that a special committee is created for the design of the new middle school.

Next Meeting scheduled for January 9, 2013 at 5:00pm

Adjournment: 6:16 p.m.