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## West Islip Public Schools

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Superintendent of Schools

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Director of Buildings and Grounds

### Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting

Date: August 22, 2017  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: District Office

Members in attendance: S. Brady, P. Michaluk, B. Burns, W. Duffy, J. Bosse  
Others in attendance: S. Gellar, G. Robertson (BBS)  
Absent: K. O'Connor

1. *Bond Projects:* James Bosse and Gary Robertson provided an update as to the progress of Phase 2 projects, and reviewed the timeline for Phase 3 and 4 projects. Bleachers for secondary gymnasiums are delayed districtwide, and will likely be installed sometime in September. Mr. Bosse and Mr. Horan are reviewing needs to ensure access is available as necessary during bleacher installation. Plans for the security vestibules in each building will be forwarded to the Board; trustees will visit each building in advance of a future discussion. Concerns about the delays for various project reviews at the SED were discussed, and it was agreed to submit architectural plans as soon as possible. Bond work in the planetarium, which was originally scheduled for Phase 4, was moved up to Phase 3, for completion in Summer 2018. The Board requested that Mrs. Burns and Mr. Bosse set up a schedule to tour the elementary buildings to discuss options for the security vestibules.
2. *Higbie Lane protest:* A local union has set up an inflatable rat on Higbie Lane to protest the use of non-union employees. The district has followed all laws and regulations as it relates to the bidding process.
3. *Wireless Infrastructure:* As part of the technology initiative, all middle school students will receive a Chromebook in the fall. The installation of a wireless infrastructure was to be supported through the Smart Schools Investment Plan; however, the state has not yet approved the district plan, which was submitted in August 2016. To facilitate wifi access at the middle school, funding was reallocated (\$140,000) from information technology so that access points and cables can be installed immediately.
4. *Tenants:* Mrs. Burns met with Dr. Caruso (Headmaster) and Peter Glass (attorney) to discuss the terms of a lease extension for The Bridges Academy.
5. *West Islip Swim Club:* The WISC has been contacted by the Office of Buildings and Grounds regarding pool access on dates/times in which the district is running its own programs.
6. *Summer Projects:* As in past years, many projects beyond the typical scope of work were completed by the custodial, maintenance and grounds crews. All buildings will be clean and ready for returning students and staff.
7. *Masera Parking Lot Expansion:* BOCES has not communicated further about this project.
8. *LED conversion:* This work has commenced at Oquenock, with other buildings to follow. Results will be improved lighting, reduced maintenance and lower utility costs.

9. *Udall Boulder Donation:* Rock Solid successfully installed the new boulder and decorative brick border.
10. *Westbrook:* Tenants have installed a door buzzer and camera system at the hallway entrance near the kitchen. The building is now secure at all hours of the day/night.
11. *Building Fire Inspections:* All inspections were completed and minor corrections were made. The fire marshal re-inspected and approved. Updated certificates of occupancy will be valid beginning Sept. 1, 2017.
12. *Gym Access:* By restructuring access to WICA, TADA and Adult Education volleyball, the district has successfully increased gym access to youth athletic clubs and provided district cheer teams with permanent locations.
13. *High School Pest Management:* Efforts have been maintained to address the presence of roaches. The maintenance department has removed and replaced deteriorated waste piping and installed mesh screens over vents and drains, as recommended by the pest management vendor.
14. *Revenue:* Over \$200,000 in revenue has been collected through rentals of school auditoriums for the 2016-17 school year.
15. *New Cameras:* Approximately fifteen (15) new exterior cameras will be added throughout the district in September.