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West Islip Public Schools

Bernadette M. Burns
Superintendent of Schools

James Bosse
Director of Buildings and Grounds

Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting

Date: May 5, 2020
Time: 7:20 p.m.
Location: Virtual meeting

Members in attendance: P. Michaluk, B. Burns, E. Pellati, J. Bosse
Others in attendance: R. Antoniello, T. Compitello, S. Gellar, P. McCann

Shutdown due to COVID-19: Mr. Bosse updated the committee as to the status of building and grounds operations since the state-mandated closure of all school buildings. A custodian performs a building check daily to ensure that all mechanical systems are performing correctly. Due to increased use by the public during the day, litter has become a problem that is addressed daily. Office staff rotates to maintain appropriate distancing while performing essential functions. Principals are in the process of arranging for students to obtain personal belongings that were left behind in lockers and classrooms.

Bond Update: In light of the current reliance on distance learning technology, the need to accelerate the installation of the backup generators at Manetuck and Beach Street was discussed. Mr. Bosse will discuss with BBS. Projects that impact safety and security have proceeded as long as distancing protocols can be observed.

PV Solar Project: Since there is no obligation on behalf of the district to assume any debt at this time, the District will award the bid to Noresco, which will commence the design of the project.

Summer Building Permits: Various community groups have inquired as to whether the facilities will be available for summer camps and activities, including the pool. This will be discussed in the future, pending direction from the state.

Tenants: South Shore Children's Center tentatively plans to open on May 18.

Willets Creek Project: Residents along the creek have expressed dismay about the number of plantings on the district side of the creek. The DEC considers the project complete, but Mr. Bosse will contact the DEC for further information.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.