

NORTHERN TIOGA SCHOOL DISTRICT

110 Ellison Road  
Elkland, PA 16920

Minutes – Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting  
May 5, 2022

The Northern Tioga School District Buildings & Grounds Committee met for a committee meeting in the Superintendent's Office at 110 Ellison Road, Elkland, PA 16920. The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Barnes at 6:32 PM.

Board Committee Members in attendance: Ed Bonham, Greg Cummings, and Jean Kohut.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Barnes and Jeremy Freeman.

HVAC Upgrades Project

Dr. Barnes presented a handout from PFM Financial Advisors which showed possible financing scenarios for the HVAC upgrades project. The three scenarios given were doing all the schools, doing just the elementary schools, and doing just the high schools.

After including the ARP/ESSER grant funds in every scenario, if the HVAC upgrades are done at all the schools, there would be a need for the school district to apply for a Bond/Loan for approximately \$7,000,000.00 to cover the entire project. If the HVAC upgrades are selected at just the elementary schools, there would be a need for a Bond/Loan amount of approximately \$2,560,000.00. The ARP/ESSER grant funds would cover the cost of doing the high schools, and there will not be a need to borrow money. With this information, Dr. Barnes recommended the Board select doing just the high schools at this time. It was stated that interest rates were increasing, and supply is volatile.

In discussions while reviewing this information, Greg Cummings, Ed Bonham, and Jean Kohut requested clarification on the rooms included with this project, and to have that information presented to the entire Board. Jeremy Freeman and Dr. Barnes are going to walk through Williamson Jr/Sr High School and Cowanesque Valley High School and go over what rooms are included with the pricing for each scenario. If Jeremy Freeman has enough time to compile all of the information by the May 9, 2022 Board Meeting, he will present it at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Kelly Sherman  
Board Secretary