

## **December 8, 2016, Conference Call**

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### **FFE Consultant**

Gibraltar recommended a special furniture consultant to provide specifications and assist with the bidding process for new furniture, furnishings and equipment for the new elementary school. The recommendation will be made at the December 15, 2016 board meeting.

### **NIPSCO Rebate**

NIPSCO has offered a one-time rebate offer of \$30,081.52 for energy efficiency incentives at the new elementary school. There will be more offers moving forward for the other schools once they have been processed. We will also receive approximately 20-30% reduction in our utility bills.

### **VHS**

Dr. Frataccia wants to be sure that the remodeled entrance and signage at the high school can be viewed from the street and not obscured by trees. Some trees may need to be removed from the site.

### **District-Wide Playgrounds**

The playgrounds should all be equipped with a rubber surface. On average the surface costs the same amount as the playground equipment. Dr. Frataccia would like to monitor the purchasing of equipment and give the PTO's a chance to participate.

### **Water Control Structure**

The Army Corp of Engineers has determined that our original plans to construct a new dam downstream is not sufficient to reduce the flow of water in Beauty Creek. Their modeling of this project indicated only a 21% reduction in the flow of water, and there is an environmental hazard if the dam breaks during a heavy rain. The Army Corp of Engineers has another viable option including clearing out the existing detention area and expand it, utilize a small portion of the western edge of the VHS practice field as additional retention. The area would be depressed and would retain some water during a heavy rain, but the water would quickly dissipate. This would require less maintenance and cost less than the construction of a water control structure. Analysis of this option should be complete in January, designs in February, and bids in March or April.