

## **June 8, 2017, Meeting**

Jim Thompson - Gibraltar Design

Dion Katsouros - Skillman Corp.

Dr. Frataccia, Dr. Lauck, Dr. McCall, Sharon Qualkenbush, Lisa Frankus – VCS

### **Construction Progress**

All construction phases are progressing according to plans.

#### **Heavilin Elementary**

Carpeting and wood flooring is being installed. The concrete and asphalt in the parking areas and sidewalks is being installed as well as the landscaping.

#### **Cooks Corners & Memorial Elementary**

There will be one phase left to complete consisting of finishing 4-6 classrooms when school opens in August.

#### **Parkview, Northview, Thomas Jefferson Elementary**

Work has begun removing ceiling tiles and installing ductwork. The Valpo Parks Board will meet the week of June 19<sup>th</sup> to review the downsized soccer field at Parkview.

#### **VHS**

Steel is being erected on the Campbell Street side. The electricity will be shut down in a portion of the building starting on Monday. Athletic activities that were scheduled will take place at Thomas Jefferson Middle School during the power outage.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

The Bid Opening for Central Elementary Renovations is June 12 and the Detention Basin Bid Opening is on June 13. Both contracts will be awarded at the June 15, 2017 Board meeting.

### **Temperature Controls / Fire Alarm Project**

Dion reported that the Temperature Controls Phase 2 is for Thomas Jefferson, Parkview & Northview Elementary Schools, and Fire Alarm Project Phase 2 is for Northview, Parkview, Thomas Jefferson & Central Elementary. Todd expressed concern that the bidding was not district-wide so that we would have one company for all the schools. It will be difficult for the maintenance crew to know how to service several different systems.

Dion explained that we were not in a position to bid the jobs all together, and that it may be to our advantage to have 2 service contracts. There is at least 1 year of service included in the contracts, but after that it is within our discretion not to renew a service contract if we are dissatisfied. Having two contractors may provide some competition for service. The equipment interface protocols of various control systems communicate with each other. It would not be difficult for technicians to work on both systems. Gibraltar Design's engineers are evaluating the temperature control and fire alarm bid/contracts and they will provide a more thorough written report to Dr. Frataccia. Dion will look at the overall project timeline to determine if / how delaying the contracts for Temperature Controls Phase 2 and Fire Alarm Project Phase 2 until July will affect the building phases. There will also be a Phase 3 Temperature Control for the Porter County Career Center and Central, and depending on available funds that may include the middle schools and Flint Lake.