

A meeting of the Operations Committee was held on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, in the Board of Education Conference Room, 47 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Liz Nord.

PRESENT Gary Blanchette, Liz Nord, Miriam Underwood

ALSO PRESENT Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance & Operations
Greg Kliman, Director of Facilities
Dario Soto, Crystal Lake Principal
Leah Luginbuhl, Crystal Lake Parent & PTO member

AGENDA ITEMS

Crystal Lake – Sensory Playground

Mr. Soto and Ms. Luginbuhl presented plans for a sensory playground installation at Crystal Lake Elementary School. Ms. Luginbuhl presented a proposal funded by the PTO to create different playground elements on the blacktop to allow students to play “games” which are neurology-research based to allow students to reset and refocus on learning. Mr. Soto indicated that the school was excited to add elements to the playground that would allow students a kinesthetic way to get ready to learn.

MOTION First: Gary Blanchette
Second: Liz Nord
To move that the Operations Committee accept the project as proposed.
The motion carried.

Crystal Lake PTO Proposed Walkway

Ms. Luginbuhl presented plans the PTO developed for a walkway installation at Crystal Lake Elementary School soccer field. The walkway will be a shaded gravel path past the outfield of the baseball diamond. The PTO will cover the cost of the installation. Mr. Greenleaf stated that upon approval of the Operations Committee, he will seek approval from the Town’s planning office to proceed.

MOTION First: Gary Blanchette
Second: Liz Nord
To move that the Operations Committee accept the project as proposed, upon approval from the Town’s Planning Department.
The motion carried.

Districtwide HVAC Study

Mr. Greenleaf and Mr. Kliman shared the details of an ongoing study to examine a long-term master plan for the district’s HVAC program. This would include repair of boilers and systems that are at or nearing the end of their useful life. It would also look at improvements, such as Air Conditioning in both the large gathering spaces and in classroom settings.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION First: Gary Blanchette
Second: Liz Nord
To adjourn the meeting of the Operations Committee (6:58 p.m.)
The motion carried.