

Northern Lights Building Company

Special Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2020

3:30 pm

Present: Vickie, Dave, Gail, Ellen, Mike, Amy

Vickie reported that on Friday, April 10th, the school delivered 1800 meals to students for the week of Spring Break. Each day about 84 meals a day are going out to students. Thankfully, the teachers are still able to be in contact with the students via technology.

There was concern regarding the funding of these meals. It has been reassured that the meals are being covered through a federal program.

An issue that the school is facing is the technological infrastructure. The computers currently being used in the school are near end of life and have been used for many years. The speculation is that school will not be "normal" in the fall. Likely school will be done partly through distance learning and partly in classroom. There is a possibility that NLBC can help get computers in place for the fall.

Dave said that computers cannot be purchased by Lease Aid money. However, there is \$36,995 remaining from the grant in-kind money that is not Lease Aid money. There are still bills coming in for the fire alarm control panel, pager system, and cameras. However, there is surplus in the budget "Building Maintenance/Improvement". Vickie proposed using the remaining in-kind money on the kids (school) and using the maintenance money on the maintenance items.

The following items were discussed to be purchased:

- Mike Hammernick said that the school could use a new phone system, which would be about \$20,000.
- Students need new computers. 100 computers at \$177/each, plus 40 licenses at \$25/each
- Teachers need smartboards and/or smart tv's at about \$4,000/each. (x3)

Henry briefly attended the meeting and offered some valuable information. He is recommending these Chromebooks because of their lower price point and their lack of "breakable" functions, no swivel screens, cameras, or touchscreens. He also did not recommend smartboards for all classrooms at this time as not all teachers will be using them. He did recommend talking with teachers individually to determine which teachers have a plan and knowledge of the software they desire to use. Henry also mentioned getting the smartboard technology and the teacher using it on a computer.

Henry would like to go to assigned devices where each student would have their own device to take from class to class or use at home if distance learning is in place. He also said that a waiver or insurance policy would need to be addressed. The school would need to be involved with this. As well, cases would be recommended for the Chromebooks. The old Chromebooks can be used to replace damaged new Chromebooks.

Dave made the motion to take the remaining in-kind money to use on the Chromebooks and to use the budgeted maintenance money for the fire alarm control panel, cameras, and pager system. Gail second. All approved.

Mike made the motion that NLBC purchase 100 Chromebook and 40 licenses for the school with the in-kind money, not to exceed \$19,000. Ellen second. All approved.

We will discuss the use of the remaining in-kind money at a future meeting.

Dave also mentioned that now would be a good time to get all the summer back-to-school preparation work done. Dave will contact both Mike H. and Chuck to see what the plans are for building maintenance upkeep over these next few months.

Meeting adjourned.