



BOE Committee Report

Buildings /Grounds / Transportation		Chair: Chris Lomonaco	
Monday, March 1, 2021	Start	pm 6:00	End
Chris Lomonaco, Dave Gill, Steve Thesier, Andrew Burlingame, Beth Donahue, and Gene Hulbert			pm 7:00

Steve reviewed the small cap project planned for Chenango Bridge –

Installation of an exterior awning above the front entrance of Chenango Bridge Elementary. The approximate size of the awning will be 10' x 10'. Some tree removal from front of building and installation of a couple of benches which have already been purchased.

Exterior door replacement on parking lot side of building, terrazzo base work will be done and a few other little items.

Design can begin and submitted, but there is an approximate 12 week wait time for SED approval. This work would not begin in summer – more likely late fall 2021 with awning work possibly not beginning till spring break 2022.

Some conversation about what can be done regarding updating ventilation systems for our schools. Are we doing enough? Our filters meet state requirements and moving to MERV 13 filters could cost as much as \$15K yearly where our current filters cost about \$3500 yearly.

Also, note that having a higher MERV-rated filter in your unit can increase the amount of energy used for that unit to pull air through the filter. Higher efficiency filters require greater air pressures to drive or force air through the filter because of how the filter is designed. You need to be careful when increasing the efficiency of your filter and verify that the capacity of your HVAC systems is sufficient to accommodate the higher MERV-rated filters.

Unit ventilators can be replaced – starting with the ones that are problematic. As we refine the upcoming potential capital project we can look at removing some items to replace with ventilation items.

Additional items that could be added to the upcoming potential capital project mentioned were good cameras for streaming events in the high school gym and auditorium at the high school.

Costs are needed for video conferencing for MS/HS classrooms for upcoming potential MS/HS capital project.

Andrew also mentioned that it had been recommended in the past that the water meters be replaced at each of the schools to the tune of \$5-8K each. Something to think about...

Next meeting will be scheduled for mid-April.