

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in the Moser Library at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, March 23, 2009.

Present: Ann Dougherty, Chair
Philip K. Bondy, M.D., Secretary
Mark Cooper
Louis Richards
Marc J. Taylor, M.D.
Ted Walen
Eugene Harvey, Director, STS

Absent: Eileen Lemay, Vice-Chair

Guests: John Narowski
Director, STS Facility Management and Engineering
Sally Bondy,
Board Member of STS Home & School Assoc.
Bernard Kokinchak,
WestConn student and legislative intern

Ms. Dougherty called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The February 23, 2009 minutes had been approved by e-mail on February 26, 2009.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Dougherty introduced Mr. Narowski, Director of the STS Facility Management and Engineering, to the Board. Mr. Narowski reviewed a five-year schedule of all projects planned for the facility. There are currently 33 capital projects in some state of development, including: Powerhouse Efficiency Study; Synchronization for power plant and generators; Numerous chimney repairs; Project and design for second floor A/C at the HCU; Water line replacement from C-35 to IT Building; Paving road projects, Floor tile replacements; Upgrading fire alarm panels; Boiler replacements; Roof replacements at HCU and warehouse; Sprinkler head replacements; and Transformer replacements.

A number of the projects completed in '08 were: High voltage cable replacement from the Powerhouse to Roselle School; Bathroom renovations; Fire pump replacements; Heating system replacements; New lines put into gas pumps; and a new satellite system installed for TV's on grounds.

Discussion followed relative to water mains, heating and electrical systems, and sewage disposal project for tie-in to Traditions and Heritage Village.

The Board thanked Mr. Narowski for a very informative presentation.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Mr. Walen stated one of the main topics at the Council Meeting was the Managed Health Care Pilot Program, North Region. He also shared with the Board Commissioner's O'Meara's perspective regarding the challenges DDS will continue to face during these very difficult economic times.

For detailed information, please see the Council minutes posted on the DDS website.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Messier Case. No new development.

Consent Decree. No new development.

Cottage Closures. The process is going smoothly.

Fiscal Update. Effective March 6, all vacant state positions were abolished. It is not yet known what impact this will have on summer positions. State contracts have also been abolished. All requests for staff position refills must be accompanied with justification and submitted to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for review and approval. All requests for supplies or equipment repair, also accompanied with justification, are to be submitted to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

STS Farmland. A local farmer will be leasing 341 acres of the STS farm area.

YMCA. A one-year lease will be signed between the YMCA and STS, enabling the YMCA to again hold one of their summer camp programs at Southbury. If this arrangement is to be continued over the next several years, there are several maintenance issues that will need to be addressed. This will require some commitment from the YMCA regarding financing the repair work.

Visit. Mr. Robert Wood, President of VARCA, contacted Mr. Harvey about arranging a visit to Southbury for some people who have concerns about the quality of services in institutional settings. Mr. Wood would like them to see Southbury, which they have never done. The individuals have expressed an interest in touring STS; details are being worked out.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Dougherty referenced a recent email that Mr. Crider, Southbury Land Trust, sent to Sen. Kane and Rep. O'Neill. It stated that the attempt to save STS farmland had become part of a statewide effort in motion to protect all of the currently owned state farmland.

Dr. Taylor added there is now a Raised Bill, No. 1082; on 3/18/09, it was favorably voted on by the Environmental Committee (ENV), 31 to 0. (All present voted for the bill; one person was absent.) On 3/19/09, said Raised Bill was filed with the Legislative Commissioner's Office (LCO). To read the RB in its entirety, go to www.cga.ct.gov and type in the RB # 1082.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be on **Monday, April 27, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in Moser Library**. Jackson Pierre-Louis, Assistant Regional Director, will be the guest speaker.

There being no further business, Dr. Taylor moved the meeting adjourn at 2:16 p.m. Mr. Cooper seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen P. Logan
Recording Secretary

Philip K. Bondy, M.D.
Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
March 25, 2009