## Timberlane Regional School Board Energy Committee

March 16, 2022

Energy Committee Members Attending: Barbara Kiszka, Karl Ingoldsby,

Maria Watkins

**Also attending:** Steve Paradis, Jim Sierpien **Absent:** Brian Boyle, Kim Farah, Marc Fournier

- 1. Meeting called to order at 4:05pm.
- 2. Minutes approval
  - Sept 22, 2021 minutes Barbara motions to approve, Karl seconds 4-0-0 approved
  - Nov 17, 2021 minutes Karl motions to approve, Steve seconds 3–0-1, Maria abstains.
- 3. Minute taker Barbara
- 4. LED project status
  - Received rebate of \$66,000 from Unitil for TRHS and TRMS lighting
  - TRMS nearly complete, ⅓ of PAC is complete
  - TRHS IS 99% done just a few closets remain
  - Elementary schools will be updated next
- 5. Performance project status

Slow going - focus is on ESSR funding project also known as the TRMS Summer project Submitting paperwork to the fire marshall, getting all the architect and other signatures.

Delivery of equipment is at least 30 weeks out. Over the summer EEI will get everything ready for TRMS. Heat and air will continue to work. Wiring may take a few days to complete after equipment arrives (Sept, Oct?). We can use modular classrooms as needed after the equipment arrives and until the work is complete.

The HVAC units have been identified for replacement. There are 2 newer units in the gym that are staying. The mini-splits are staying. The big Carrier on the roof is going. Trying to see if we can afford to replace the controls at the same time. Those may have to wait until later in the performance contract. The new units will probably need new electric feeds and breakers.

Next summer there will be projects on schools throughout the district. Energy Efficient Investment (EEI) have looked at the other buildings. They are now doing detailed evaluations to figure out what is needed and what we can afford. We plan to have a list of decisions to make in the fall. If we want to add things, like the Atkinson 1803 building renovation, we should have time to write up the warrant articles to see if the voters will accept the add-on projects.

Expect weekly construction meetings when TRMS construction starts in June 2022. Tuesdays at noon, followed by the facilities weekly meeting.

## 6. Other business

Do we need a construction committee separate from the energy committee, and the Capital Improvement committee? There is currently a \$25,000 threshold for decisions that can be made by the facilities director, CFO, and Superintendent. For larger ticket items we need to get school board approval. Given we expect to be in construction mode for the next 2 summers and we may need decisions to be made in under one week which would be delayed if we waited for a regular summertime

school board meeting, do we want a committee that can make decisions within a few days, rather than waiting for the next school board meeting? Maria recommends having the superintendent ask the SB for a construction committee with explicit authority to spend. This will be during the summer months, so we need to make sure we have people that are lined up to respond / participate.

Next meeting Sept 14, 2022, 4pm at SAU board room.

Steve Paradis motions to adjourn, Maria Watkins 2nds Meeting adjourned 4:55