

District Facilities Committee

Date: October 21, 2014

Chairs: Nancy Steenson & George Stokinger

Call to Order by Nancy Steenson at 8:44am

In attendance: Mike Hogan, Doug Rolph, Brian Shawley, Michelle Auger, Nancy Barcelos, JoAnn Georgian, Earl Metzler, Kelly Ward, Nancy Steenson, George Stokinger, Heather Degnan, Jim Hughes, Dennis Heffernan, Don Woodworth, Heather Roy, Donna Green.

Approval of Minutes from the September 9, 2014 Meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes by D. Heffernan, second by K. Ward, all approved.

2015-2016 Budget – Project Priorities

A line by line review of projects at each site is done, representatives are asked to rank each project based on their importance, budget constraints, and timelines. The key to the rankings are numbers 1, 2, 3, M, and L. 1 being essential, 2 being a high priority, 3 being a medium priority; all are projected for next year's budget just prioritized in order of 1-2-3. M being a mid-term timeline goal and L being a long-term goal.

At the High School the press box was again discussed at great length because of the budget to upgrade its current state. At present it's not in the budget, it's currently not serving its purpose and the ease of use and safety is going to only get worse with time. It is suggested that either fundraising or warrant article be utilized to raise the funds for this project. Discussions held on the planning and building details of the structure. J. Hughes suggested the Building Inspector perform an inspection of existing structure, to provide additional opinion on the structure's current safety. A motion is made by D. Heffernan, and seconded by K. Ward, to pursue it as a warrant article, all voted unanimously. Also discussed the possibility of breaking up the \$65,000 locker room upgrade into two years, the ceiling could be done this year, walls could be done the year after. Improvements were definitely noticed on the window film results, and plans are to continue with installation of those.

At the middle school, the removal of three electrical transformers from inside the school and reinstallation of a system outside the building was discussed. The room they are currently in is not sufficient and it would be too costly to modify the existing room. Transformers are no longer installed in public buildings the way they were done in 1973. Due to the potential failure of one or more of them they should be removed. Installation of the new system would be attached to a concrete pad on the ground in the parking lot by the by café and would reduce some parking in that immediate area. J. Hughes is still in meetings with the electrical engineer to finalize the numbers on this project, estimated at \$300,000-\$500,000. Replacing them one at a time is not an option.

The door replacements at the Middle School will include switching the swing of the doors so they open into classrooms and installing thicker doors (2") which would bring them up to current codes.

A storage building off the gym would be to house the wrestling mats, gymnastics, and equipment around the inside of the gym.

At Sandown Central the kitchen renovations is a large ticket item, asked whether it could wait another year or two before being put into the budget, or add to warrant article. It would be competing with the other warrant articles for the same money; therefore that option should be carefully considered. N. Steenson stated that if you send two or more Warrant Articles to the board, without making a recommendation for one, they can vote out whichever one they want.

D. Heffernan asked if perhaps the warrant article be presented in to the public in a more detailed way. N. Steenson replied that a public relations person or firm is to be hired by the School District and this is something they can present to the town.

At Pollard regarding the playground, M. Auger asked if some money be put aside to remove the playground materials while digging is being done for the swale project. Materials would need to be put back down in the playground area and because mulch was causing bees to form nests in the ground, rubber was suggested as a substitute. However it was mentioned that studies are now being linked to cancer and the materials within the rubber. It is agreed by all that more research needs to be done on the materials being applied to the ground area before any plans begin.

After reviewing all proposed projects, the ending budget for 2016 was 1.3 Million. Since this figure doubled from last year's approved budget, the committee re-examines the projects. G. Stokinger suggests reviewing item by item; to see where non-essential items can be removed to reduce the entire budget. M. Hogan stated the Middle school can move out the locker replacements 1-2 years, the transformer is essential, and he sees painting as a priority. G. Stokinger suggested keeping the original

budget of \$616,000 (2014 Budget) plus the transformer replacement amount (\$500,000), in order to do this, some adjustments are made. The following adjustments were made to the original budget:

Atkinson – Boiler Management System upgrade pushed off 1-2 years.

Danville – Granite curbing and paving pushed off 1-2 years.

High School – Paint ceiling in gym, hold off on the walls (new amount ~\$35,000).

High School – JV fence installation and concession stand paving to be pushed off.

Middle School – Keep Phase I of the locker replacements, move the rest out. (new amount \$32,000)

Middle School – Point of use hot water heaters to be pushed off 1-2 years.

After these adjustments, the budget is brought down to targeted amount.

Principal's Building Report

Not enough time to review, it will be reviewed at the next meeting in February.

Other Business

Review of the Mission Statement, M. Hogan made a motion to move forward with the mission statement as is, D. Heffernan seconded, all voted in favor unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.