

**Minutes
Facilities Committee
June 5, 2018**

Present:

Ellen Uzenoff, Committee Chair
Gina Albert, Committee Member
Sara Spaulding, Committee Member
Dr. William McKersie, Superintendent of Schools
Richard Rudl, Director of Finance and Operations
Joseph Olenik, Director of Facilities

Public:

Tony Pesco, Weston Resident

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Uzenoff at 9:02 a.m.

The Committee discussed the following items regarding the WIS knee wall study update:

- Mr. Olenik reported that he attended a pre-construction meeting the previous week with the architect and the roofing contractor. Construction is scheduled to begin on June 26th, and be completed by August 17th. Mr. Olenik will meet with the contractor again to review the staging area for the building materials. Mr. Olenik added that the Town building inspector will be overseeing the project.

The Committee discussed the following items regarding the elementary school walk through:

- Ms. Uzenoff reported that the Committee, along with a member of the Town Building Committee, conducted a walk-through of the elementary school in order to review the improvements and repairs that were recommended by Silver Petrucelli in their 10 Year Facilities Feasibility Study. Ms. Uzenoff added that the building is in very good shape, but the chiller does need to be replaced and this should be moved up on the priority list of capital projects for next year. Additionally, she noted that all the rooms, in all the buildings that make up the school, are currently in use and none of them are being used for storage.

The Committee discussed the following items regarding the intermediate school facilities walk-through:

- Ms. Uzenoff reported that the Committee conducted a walk-through of the intermediate school in order to review the improvements and repairs that were recommended by Silver Petrucelli in their 10 Year Facilities Feasibility Study. Ms. Uzenoff added that other than repairing the knee wall, there is very little work that has to be done at the school.

The Committee discussed the following regarding the next steps for the facilities study:

- Mr. Rudl shared with the Committee a draft of five decision points and options to consider regarding the 10 year facilities plan. These include what level the Board of Education is comfortable in presenting a capital budget that addresses solely deferred maintenance/capital projects for Hurlbutt Elementary, Weston Intermediate and Weston High Schools, from the period of FY20 to FY 30, how should Weston's enrollment impact the footprint of the school system, what happens with central office, what are the options for handling the condition and educational plan for the middle school, and what are the District's expectations for the bus garage. Mr. Rudl added that once the District narrows down from these five points, it can drill down further and decide more specifically how it would like to proceed.
- Dr. McKersie added that the first step is to decide how many schools are necessary and whether the District can function with only three schools.
- The Committee agreed that in order to move forward, all options need to be investigated, including the three school alternative, with all the pros and cons associated with it.
- Mr. Rudl will contact Silver Petrucelli, the company which conducted the 10 year study, and ask them to perform further analysis on the possibility of moving to a three school district. The Committee agreed to hold a special summer Facilities Committee meeting to further discuss the facilities study.

The Committee discussed the following regarding approval of the May minutes:

- The Committee approved the May minutes.

The Committee discussed the following regarding other business:

- Mr. Olenik reported that he was contacted by the State's EPA and was informed that the boilers currently installed throughout the District no longer meet the State's emission requirements. Mr. Olenik completed and submitted all the required paperwork to the State, but added that the District will probably have to make modifications to the boilers, and this will be included in the next capital plan.

- Mr. Olenik informed the Committee that he was also contacted by the Federal EPA in regard to the middle and high school windows and doors projects, which were completed in 2012 and 2013, informing him that the District needs to implement a formal maintenance and monitoring plan for PCB remediation, even though the District is following all the necessary guidelines. Mr. Olenik is currently working on getting all the paper work in place.

- Ms. Albert reported that the Town's Sustainability Committee is looking to replace the street lights along School Rd. with LED lighting. Mr. Olenik added that those lights are actually Town property so they can replace them as needed. He did add that the District is being charged for some of these lights however, and will work with Eversource to have this adjusted.

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Galli

Administrative Assistant to the Director of Finance and Operations