

WBOE Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2017

Present: Karen Kravetz, Margaret Hamilton, Lynn Piascyk, Board Members; Robert Gilbert, Superintendent; Greg Kula, Facilities Manager; Gina Prisco, Principal; Al Pullo, Business Manager; Maegan Genovese, Jon Vultee, Incoming BOE Member.

Ms. Kravetz called the meeting to order (6:01 PM)

Items for Discussion/Update:

- 1. Building Upgrade Update:** Superintendent Gilbert reported that the Building Committee voted to accept the upgrade project. Preliminary estimates are that the project came in under the budgeted referendum amount by \$34,000, received between \$3-400,000 in energy subsidies and over \$2.5 million in reimbursement from the state resulting in a total \$10.3 million cost to the Town. A press release will be prepared once the finances are final.
- 2. Tools for Schools:** The QVHD issued a report calling the work of the committee exemplary and exceptional. Al Pullo provided a summary of the Committee's work and inspection process.
- 3. Building and Grounds Update:** Efforts continue to improve the aesthetics and perform maintenance of facility and grounds. South Assembly has received significant attention (painting, cleaning of drapes, new piano, working on new chairs) in collaboration with E Day. Hallway bathrooms have been painted. Superintendent Gilbert reported that he is moving forward with a Building Aesthetics Committee made up of administrators, staff, parents and any interested community members to identify, evaluate, prioritize projects to continue improving aesthetics of the building with minimal budget impact. *Outside*, Greg Kula reported that there has been brush cleaning around the baseball fields. Also, that a tree was identified near the North Entrance that needed to be removed. Lynn Piascyk identified a tree near A-Wing that needed to be removed. Al Pullo reported on a surprise inspection of the kitchen. The inspection went very well.
- 4. Sustainability:** There was a brief discussion regarding approaching student council with the possibility of continuing the environmental steward program. Ms. Piascyk suggested that perhaps there would be more participation if it was during lunch period one day per week instead of before or after school. There was a brief discussion regarding using the educational tools associated with the upgrade to engage students. There is a new segment on the Beecher Road School news regarding the building's energy conservation mechanisms.
- 5. Teacher Memorial:** The WEA has gathered contributions in memory of Joan Benevento, a Beecher math specialist who passed away in December of 2015. A committee of teachers has proposed that a sundial will be placed in the courtyard with a plaque bearing her name. The BOE has been asked to approve it. A request was made that the policy be reviewed re dedications as to whether or not BOE approval is required and / or whether the formation of a committee is required. Discussion to be continued at full BOE meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 PM.

Recorded by Karen Kravetz, Facilities Committee Chair