

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education – Facilities Committee
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
6:30 PM
Via Zoom**

MEETING MINUTES

Emily Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm

Members present:

Emily Rosenthal, Chair, Happy Marino, Katie Stein

Also present:

Dr. Cooke, Galen Cawley, Bill McMinn, Tom Pellegrino, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Violet McNerney

Recorder: Emily Rosenthal

1. Building Project Discussion

Bill McMinn provided a project update, noting the next step is to determine the timing and an update to the \$8.49M budget, which Colliers will assist with. An updated, full scale enrollment report has been commissioned and will be presented within a couple of months. Colliers and the South Windsor school district has recommended meeting with the State Building Commission. A suggestion was made for committee members to participate in another site visit to South Windsor. The committee discussed what is needed to move forward and requested an updated timeline/GANT chart as was previously provided.

Bill reported that there were no built-in cost escalators on this project and spoke to other factors to consider this time around: town facilities study/town shelter, land acquisition, question about the state reimbursement which is currently 18.36% (this is a formula based on town wealth) for new building. Need to decide if we pursue a November 2021 referendum and work toward that date. Question is if we apply for the grant June 2021 or June 2022 - and that just impacts when the reimbursement is received (before or after construction). The goal is to try for June 2021.

Bill will work to have a GANT chart ready for next meeting (March), with and without land acquisition. Happy Marino inquired about other options, if the committee had looked at other options again like renovate Jeffrey as new. Tri-board had dozens of options they considered, but Jeffrey site was considered problematic due to limited size and disruption to students during construction.

2. Security Funds

CIP and Potential Board Budget. Executive session with the board requested by Craig and Bill (March 2 meeting). Will discuss door locks, panel displays for main offices, increased cameras - non-personnel security enhancements - how the \$75,000 will be spent. CIP - 2 entryways, one at Polson and one at Brown, would be done next summer

3. Enrollment and Birth Rates

Dr. Cooke reported a new enrollment report has been commissioned, noting we are expecting larger kindergarten size next year and will likely need to add a class. Prior to 2017 we were in 80s-90s births to residents, in 2018 it was 166, 2019, 118. Birth rates are projected to stay above 100 births to residents, in addition to people moving into town.

Dr. Cooke to provide response to non-resident tuition question.

4. Facility Director Updates

Mr. McMinn noted the focus is on clean and safe schools this year, the daily operations and maintenance and some weekend overtime is being used for that purpose. Heating and ventilation at Jeffrey & Ryerson is a priority; cleaning ventilators and optimizing fresh air. Each school's Tools for Schools Committee which is spearheaded by nurses, custodians and staff, addresses how schools are cared for.

Bill will be working with Art on technology and security measures this summer, taking advantage of time when schools are closed to keep up with work. Bill noted we have doubled the amount of outside air coming in to keep up with air flow and keeping warm, resulting in higher heating costs in the cold months.

5. Public Comment

Diane Infantine-Vyce asked when the 4 drinking fountains paid for by the grant will be installed. Mr. McMinn noted the goal is outside of class time, perhaps February 15 or 16 (unlikely since they aren't here yet). Another option is a day in March, otherwise April break for installation

Next meeting. March 2, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm

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