

**Monadnock Regional School District
August 27, 2019 (corrected 9/10/2019)
Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
SAU Conference Room
Swanzey, NH**

Members Present: Karen Wheeler, Rob Colbert, Colleen Toomey, Neil Moriarty and Winston Wright **Absent:** Eric Stanley

Also Present: L. Witte, Superintendent, J. Morin, Business Administrator, D. LaPointe, Director of Buildings and Grounds. K. Barker, Architect and L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary

1. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
2. **Approval of the July 16, 2019 Facilities Meeting Minutes: MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to approve the July 16, 2019 Facilities Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes. C. Toomey arrives.**
3. **Facilities:**
 - a. **Update from Facilities Director:** D. LaPointe updated the committee regarding the scheduled work done over the summer. He explained the painting at Gilsom did not get done yet. It will be done next year. The Countryside security connection issue completed this week. It has been completed in every school. The schools are 100% ready to open on the first day.
4. **Main Agenda Items:**
 - a. **Update from Kyle Barker:** K. Barker has prepared 40 slides for the committee to review. He wants to make sure the committee knows his thought process. He met with D. LaPointe to review the checklist for each school. He would like to come back and visit each school again. K. Barker color coded the Turner report and his findings for each school. Each school will be assessed to the standards MTC has. We need to bring all the schools up to the same tech level and facility level as MTC. He did a google earth study of each school. The checklist for MTC has 2 items. There are not a lot of life safety items. Safety and security needs a lot of discussion and some bathrooms and floors need to be replaced. The State will not fund a building that needs over 60% of the cost to replace it. K. Barker is looking at Cutler and MTC as one school.

These two buildings are in different parts of the town. You have an old building; areas of trouble make it difficult to reorganize. There is no secure vestibule at Cutler. The staff are all over the place and there is no clear route for traffic. There are challenges on the site and the floor plan. The lot size is not great. There should be a bus and car separation. This is a big issue with the State. The fuel source has not been changed to propane. The roof needs to be repaired and all windows need to be replaced. Life safety items are not an issue. All of the schools have a sprinkler system. Accessibility is an issue. The bathroom facilities need to be updated. Ventilation is an issue. D. LaPointe commented that the schools will receive air conditioners as we update them. The school is not designed for technology and wiring. LED lighting is an issue in most of the buildings. Ceilings and floors an issue. A big issue is a secure vestibule it really should be done. MTC and the MSHS have secure vestibules but none of the other schools. MTC needs a gymnasium. Cutler would need \$2,923,000.00 worth of work to bring it up to MTC. Gilsum is an odd shaped building. The cars and parking is an issue. The oil tank needs to be replaced. Roof needs to be repaired and the windows replaced. The fire alarm system needs to be replaced. In regards to accessibility the ramp is too steep. The bathrooms are an issue and the ventilation is also. Add air conditioners like they have at MTC. Bring the boiler to propane, LED lighting, phone and intercom, ceiling work, remove asbestos and replace smart tv's in the classrooms. He is not sure about the number on security. Relocate the nurse, secretary and the principal. The cost to renovate is \$2,007,100.00 which is over the 60% recommended by the State. They would suggest a new school. Emerson needs to look at how to separate cars and buses. Some roofing needs to be repaired, windows need to be replaced, ventilation needs to be done, toilets, outlet wiring, cabinets, smart tvs, monitors need to be addressed. The total renovations are 2.1 million dollars. The Troy School is similar to the one in Wilton he worked on. The overall building has asset but needs a lot of work. The site is a challenge due to the land drop off and the overall size. The roof, windows and stairs need work. The stair lift and toilets need repair. The kitchen is undersized. Some ceilings, walls, cabinetry, safety and security need to be addressed. The total of the repairs is 3.6 million which exceeds the State's limits. The Art, Music, library and kitchen areas are too small. A 60,000 square foot new school for Troy and Emerson

would cost \$14,747,000.00. The price of the land and the sale of the building are not factored in. If the Board was to do renovations or a new school the aid would be the same. K. Barker explained the money from the State has already been assigned to school districts. The next time the funds will be available is Sept 2, 2020. We will submit an application in order to be prepared for March 2021. It is suggested to put the Civil Engineering costs on the warrant. N. Moriarty would suggest submitting the application with any plan. K. Barker said the design fees would cost \$500,000.00 and if that passes the project will pass. **MOTION:** N. Moriarty **MOVED** to submit a plan presented by K. Barker to the State by August 31, 2019. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **DISCUSSION:** K. Wheeler is concerned about the public. We should wait. J. Morin commented the schools are not the same as MTC. We need to speak at the Deliberative Session about the schools being even. We have not built community support. K. Wheeler would like to see the plans. K. Barker and J. Morin will contact Amy Clark at the State and let her know we are moving forward with something. R. Colbert agrees with N. Moriarty and K. Wheeler. He is very disappointed but we only get one swing at the taxpayers. **VOTE:** N. Moriarty-yes, W. Wright-yes, K. Wheeler-no, C. Toomey-no and R Colbert-no. **Motion fails.**

5. **Set next meeting's agenda: September 10, 2019 6:30 PM.**

6. **Adjournment: MOTION:** K. Wheeler **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. **SECOND:** C. Toomey **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis

MRSD Recording Secretary