

Monadnock Regional School District
September 10, 2019
Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
SAU Conference Room
Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Karen Wheeler, Rob Colbert, Colleen Toomey, Eric Stanley and Winston Wright.

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 August 27, 2019 Facilities Meeting Minutes: MOTION:** W. Wright **MOVED** to approve the August 27, 2019 Facilities Meeting Minutes as amended. **SECOND:** R. Colbert. **VOTE:** E. Stanley-abstain, W. Wright-yes, C. Toomey-yes, R. Colbert-yes and K. Wheeler-yes. **Motion passes.**
3. **Facilities:**
 - a. **Update from Facilities Director:** D. LaPointe passed out the CIP to the committee. This was completed in 2016. This information was asked for by this committee. R. Colbert commented he asked for information but not the CIP. He would like to have a 5-10 year plan to update the facilities. So we could anticipate those expenses. J. Morin explained in other districts there was a schedule for replacing and fixing the facilities. She said it was based off of the CIP Plan but a schedule.
4. **Main Agenda Items:**
 - a. **Update-Kyle Barker-CRC-Brainstorm Session:** K. Barker explained at the last meeting this committee discussed State funding. He has recently spoken to Amy Clark and there are now new rules. A letter must be submitted by the end of the year which can be filled out on the website before December 31, 2019. Our goal is to have the final report in October. He would like to invite Amy Clark to tour the buildings in November and get a verbal response from her. In January work will be done for a presentation at the Deliberative

Session. The second deadline is by July 1 for Building Aid. The Building Aid application is a more intense than in the past. They want a robust application which is worthy and competitive. A more complete application will help the district. He explained the permits can take up to 5-6 months to get. The State gives out money every other year. In October finish the report, in November tour the buildings with Amy Clark, joint meeting with the Budget Committee, warrant article, in December, write the warrant article for the architect, February present at the Deliberative Session, in March the vote, July 1, 2020 State application deadline and July-December permits and January of 2021 a Bond Hearing. K. Barker will have his team lined up for when the bond passes. The Board should have one option by the joint meeting. The State wants the size, scope and quality well defined. It was commented that consolidation will score points with the State.

Possible Options: K. Barker presented 6 options to the committee to discuss. Option 1-Do nothing, Option 2-Additions/Renovations District-Wide with a cost of \$23,700,000.00, Option 3-Additions/Renovations District-Wide Cutler/MTC Split into Neighborhood Schools-reconfigure Swanzey Students, Option 4-new South Elementary, Additions/Renovations to Swanzey and Gilsum at the cost of \$28,000,000.00, Option 5-New South Elementary, Additions to MTC to create a North Elementary, Additions/Renovations to Gilsum, close Cuter at a cost of \$30,000,000.00, Option 6-Consolidate all Elementary onto MTC Site at a cost of \$33,000,000.00. E. Stanley would like to add an Option 7- Consolidate MTC, Cutler, and Troy and leave Gilsum and Fitzwilliam as is. K. Barker commented that the committee's choice should not be based on the cost but the building. R. Colbert commented that the public will ask what to do with Gilsum. J. Morin would suggest the committee take off some of the options. The committee would like to look at Option 4, Option 5 and Option 7. K. Barker said the bond rate is 2.6%. The bond interest rate is lower than inflation. K. Barker commented the heat and the energy costs will be lower with the options, Cleaning of the buildings will be less and the absenteeism of the staff and teachers will be lower working in a new or renovated building. J. Morin commented we have done renovations projects in the amount of 1 million dollars a year. The bond will be a savings each year. K. Barker commented combining 2 schools could be a savings of 5 positions about \$500,000.00. K. Barker also

commented the SAU building is a mess. There is not a lot of value in it. K.

Wheeler asks the committee to send her their thoughts and ideas regarding the options by email prior to the next meeting. R. Colbert commented if we are going to sell this we need to have the CRC present to help.

Bus Concerns: There was a mention of the concern with the bus pick up and drop off at the schools. It was explained the Cutler situation is the best plan and MTC is being looked at.

5. Set next meeting's agenda: September 24 at 6:00 PM and October 8, 2019. The committee would like to invite K. Barker to the Board Meeting in Gilsum on October 1, 2019.

6. Adjournment: MOTION: R, Colbert **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. **SECOND:** E. Stanley **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis

MRSD Recording Secretary