

Minutes of
RSD17 Facilities Subcommittee
Special Meeting
Thursday, January 7, 2021
5 PM
Central Office Boardroom

Members present: Eileen Blewett, Joanne Nesti, Peter Sonski
Others present: Suzanne Sack (BOE chair), John Mercier and Rob Albert
Present via Google Meet: Donna Hayward (HKHS principal), Lynne Flint (RSD17 Athletic Director), Bruce Kellog and James LaPosta (JCJ Architecture)

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Peter Sonski at 5:01 p.m.
2. Updates from RSD17 operations staff

A. Fieldhouse renovations report - The project is essentially complete. Bleachers have been reinstalled and a walkthrough, led by project architect Tom Hibbard, took place December 23 with representatives of the district and contractors. A punch list with approximately two dozen items was drafted for follow-up. Local building officials have completed their assessments with satisfactory findings. The space has not been returned to use for education or athletics by the HS administration.

B. District facilities condition report - The sewage ejector pumps at the HKHS bus garage are being monitored regularly with the anticipation of replacement during warmer weather. This project would be considered an emergency (budget line) expense. The sitework for the winter surface treatment storage is complete. The materials for the cover have been ordered but are not expected until March. A water tank in the (HKHS) white house basement was replaced during December by district staff. The materials cost is estimated at \$400 or less.

C. Systems and structures evaluation - In follow-up to its December meeting discussion regarding a professional evaluation of district buildings and grounds, members interviewed Mssrs Kellog and LaPosta. The two architects represented the Hartford location of JCJ Architecture, which had provided design services for all four schools within RSD17. The men estimated a report as discussed could range in cost from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and would offer the district a thorough assessment and improvement plan basis for a 10- to 20-year capital plan.

3. Long-range planning

A. HKHS residence and barn - Members discussed the gradual decline in condition of these two structures and expressed concern that significant issues may occur without warning. As noted earlier, the residence continues to experience breakdowns and issues

related to age and condition. Members reconfirm a preference to safeguard the tenants in the residence (HKYFS and HK Rec) by encouraging a plan for relocation so that the building may be properly evaluated for potential future use.

B. Following the discussion with the architects, motion made and seconded (Nesti/Blewett) to recommend the BOE authorize an RFP for a comprehensive capital evaluation of RSD17 buildings and grounds. Approved 3-0.

4. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm..