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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

PROJECT: Region 14 Facilities & Demographic Assessment

CLIENT: Regional School District 14

MEETING PLACE: Woodbury Middle School Library

DATE AND TIME: June 5, 2018

ATTENDEES:

Jim Agostine	District Advisory Committee
Janet Morgan	District Advisory Committee
Dave Lampart	District Advisory Committee
Pam Zmek	District Advisory Committee
Jim Crocker	District Advisory Committee
Vin Bore	District Advisory Committee
Stan Love	District Advisory Committee
John Ireland	Silver / Petrucci + Associates

Purpose: DAC study kick off meeting

Jim Agostine provided an overview beginning about a year ago when the DAC determined a study of schools and the declining population was necessary. The DAC wanted two district focuses areas included in the study:

Demographic – validate and project the school population in the future.

Building Facilities – condition and needs for future capital plan / planning.

This comprehensive approach to the study will yield data for decision making population projections and will then yield a pathway to establish the key criteria to evaluate and rate the options for the district.

Janet Morgan noted that DAC prepared a matrix attached to the agenda to identify all the school options for the district. No option is impossible or off the table including the 1968 regionalization plan. The DAC seeks to be through and transparent to all in the district.

To this end, the meeting is open to the public and welcomes comments and questions. There are no predetermined outcomes.

Magnet schools and the Vo-Ag were the focus of numerous questions and discussions. The Nonnewaug HS Vo-Ag is very successful and the potential to add a Region 12 Shepaug Vo-Ag is “concerning”. A current or new Vo-Ag are a potential out of district “draw”. The demographic effect will be evaluated. The State has put a moratorium on Magnets and while there are new applications in some districts it is more challenging today than in the past.

Data collection; evaluating the "Ed Spec"; cost of improvements are included in the study. The school facility maintenance, alteration, renovation, addition, and new construction will be estimated for each option. The number of school, the grade configuration, and all options will be studied.

The process moving forward will be data collection and reporting to DAC or public. Evaluation and development of the criteria with DAC or public. The final phase will be determining the recommendations and present these to all.

Any corrections, additions, or comments should be made to Silver / Petrucelli + Associates within 14 days of the date of the meeting.

Distribution: Dr. Anna Cutaia, Superintendent Region 14
Jim Agostine, DAC
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SPA team.

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