Minutes of the Facilities/Enrollment/Transportation Committee of the Board of Education Regional School District 14 www.ctreg.org Start: 6:00 pm End: 6:51 pm

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

In attendance were: Chair Janet Morgan, George Bauer, Maryanne Van Aken, and John Swendsen; also, Jody Goeler, Charles Cosgriff, Wayne McAllister, Mike Molzon, Deb DeSorbo, Mike Devine, reporter Mike Preato, and BoE clerk Deb Carlton

1. Facilities update – Mike Molzon reported that most all summer projects have now been completed, including asbestos, and ceiling and roof work at WMS. Work on boilers at NHS is still ongoing. Work on the vestibule at MES has gone back out to bid and bids are due Thursday morning.

He reported on progress with energy lighting at BES, in looking at interior and exterior lighting at NHS as well as sensors and auto shut offs in walk in coolers/freezers. Estimates are only for areas at NHS that would not be included in the building renovation. Ms. Morgan suggested obtaining quotes for the whole building just in case the ruling is not favorable. Mr. Molzon expects a full report within a month.

Ms. Morgan reviewed with him a list of projects to determine which had been completed and which had been cut from his budget.

She asked if he needs the Board's help with anything and he noted snowplowing. Mr. McAllister indicated that Loque has offered a fixed price of \$1900/storm for the next three years for the 3 Woodbury schools, and Paul Adams of Haley Properties offers \$430/storm for BES. Mr. Molzon requested waiving the bid process to secure this rate from people he knows he can count on to be here when we need them. Mr. Bauer suggested making some calls to ensure this is the best price. Ms. Morgan agreed, asking him to get 3 price quotes.

Ms. Morgan relayed concerns brought to her regarding the fields at WMS. Mr. Molzon explained that pesticides cannot be used on K-8 fields, so he is limited to aerating, seeding and fertilizing. Also, the focus for his crew has been the NHS facilities. Mr. McAllister added that a long term plan for field maintenance will be developed after the outcome of the lawsuits is known.

- 2. Enrollment report Mr. McAllister shared current enrollment information as well as a comparison to October of last year. K-5 numbers are virtually identical. Ms. Morgan requested a copy of the Prowda report and was directed to the website.
- 3. Transportation report Mr. McAllister provided an update from the transportation manager at First Student who highlighted two main areas of concern: bus breakdowns/repairs and the need to hire new drivers. Ms. Morgan asked if he feels they are on the right side of these issues now, and he does. He felt it would be important, when the district goes out to bid in 2 years, to look at age of vehicles. Ms. Morgan asked if the bus drivers should be made aware of the board's revised policy on tobacco products. She is also interested to see numbers on average time spent on buses and to consider consolidating stops in neighborhoods such as Woodlake, both for time and fuel savings. Mr. Swendsen would like to see, in the next RFP, the option for drop down chains. Other items briefly discussed were whether any leaks had been detected in the WMS roof, whether the policy states possession or just use of tobacco products, and whether there was new information about the phone system at MES – which will be discussed at Ad hoc Safety on Friday.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ganel Morgan Janet Morgan, Chair