

Regional School District 14 Facilities/Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2011

A Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Facilities/Transportation Committee was held on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 7:20 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Committee Chair George Bauer, Committee and Board members Gary Suslavich, John Chapman, John Swendsen, Chuck Cosgriff, Maryanne VanAken, Superintendent Jody Goeler, Director of Finance and Operations Jim Reese, and Manager of Buildings and Grounds Mike Molzon.

The following agenda items were discussed.

1. Five Year Capital Facilities Plan.
  - a. A summary of the current five year capital maintenance and improvement plan was presented by Mr. Molzon. A number of maintenance items that keep getting cut from the annual budget was identified as a growing concern. A list organized by school facilities was reviewed. The concept of a "Capital Maintenance" bond referendum was discussed. With a combination of favorable conditions such as lending climate, existing bond completion, and potential for future money savings, the referendum was deemed appropriate to pursue. Mr. Reese and Mr. Molzon was tasked to identify potential items to be included the 5 year capital plan.
2. Update on Yankee Gas.
  - a. This topic of potential energy savings continues to be investigated. Melissa Fuller from Yankee Gas has been in contact and has provided estimates for potential savings for the region. Yankee Gas would make a commitment of bringing the gas lines to the foundation of included Woodbury buildings. The district would then address the costs of upgrading burners and infrastructure to complete a usable system. Mr. Reese and Mr. Molzon also discussed the advantages of a dual-use burner system to include oil and gas switchable fuel sources. This is an advantage as the cheaper fuel source for future price consideration can be utilized. The commitment for gas-only use to Yankee Gas has to be clarified. Based on current fuel oil use, it was estimated the region would save approximately \$90,000 per year. Considerations include BTUs per fuel type and estimated consumption. Current cost estimate of implementation ranges from \$177,000 to \$242,000. Discussion amongst committee and administrators is favorable for this project. Funding this project through above mentioned Capital Maintenance bond was discussed.
3. Topics of discussion for a meeting with town officials.
  - a. With the recent discussions of bus stop safety concerns, a review of our transportation policy in conjunction with town officials was deemed appropriate. Transportation committee members discussed topics for future meeting with town officials.

The meeting was adjourned approximately at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*George Bauer*

Facilities/Transportation Committee Chair  
Region 14 Board of Education