

Regional School District No. 17

Board of Education

Facilities Subcommittee

Minutes

Chair: Peter Sonski

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Facilities Subcommittee was held on June 7, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

Subcommittee Members Present: Shawna Goldfarb, Peter Sonski

Subcommittee Members Absent: Lisa Connelly, Hamish MacPhail

Staff Members Present: John Mercier, Rob Albert, Jeff Wihbey (remotely)

Others present: Suzanne Sack

- 1. Call to Order/Opening of the Meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Peter Sonski (Chair)
- 2. May Meeting Minutes:** No changes or corrections were noted to the minutes as presented.
- 3. Report of Operations Director:** John Mercier reported that late-winter budget adjustments made to account for inflated oil prices were more than adequate. Mr. Mercier will continue to evaluate joining the LEARN heating fuel consortium for the 2022-23 academic year. The HKI/MS lighting project is nearly complete; awaiting delivery/installation of a few bulbs. The district's two elementary schools have been evaluated for lighting upgrades and a proposal is pending review from Eversource. There have been no notable developments with PFAS remediation in the vicinity of Killingworth Elementary School. The school will continue to be supplied with potable water for drinking and food preparation. There will be a significant

increase in monthly fees for copper telephone (POTS) lines beginning in July. Mr. Mercier has identified alternative cost-saving measures although changes are not expected by the increase date.

- 4. Year-End Equipment Purchases:** The year-end operations purchases report was reviewed and discussed.
- 5. Tecton Facilities Assessment:** The RSD17 Board of Education will meet jointly with the members of the Haddam and Killingworth Boards of Selectmen and Finance June 8, 2022, to receive and review the District Facilities Assessment conducted by Tecton Architects.
- 6. District Safety:** Superintendent Wihbey addressed committee members briefly regarding district-wide safety measures.
- 7. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.