

GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Buildings & Maintenance Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: Monday, August 1, 2022

Start Time: 1:07PM

End Time: 2:52PM

Present: Dr. Jim Manning, Dana Streeter, Brodie Deshaies, Caroline Arakelian, Superintendent of Schools, Kathy O'Blenes, Business Administrator Other attendees: Jack Widmer

1. Committee vacancy

The committee discussed the vacancy left by Tim Eldridge and will ask Jim Pittman to join the committee.

2. Kingswood Art Center Lighting

The business administrator explained to the committee that the Kingswood Arts Center needs replacement lights, house lights in the auditorium as well as the lobby and hallways. The lights that are in the ceilings are original to the building and are failing. They are so old there are no replacements to them and therefore the entire lighting unit must be replaced. A contractor with much knowledge of our facilities has been working with our maintenance department to try and find options but there are none out there. The committee will make a recommendation to the full board on funding for the lighting replacement.

3. Safety & Security

The superintendent gave an update on the state's safe grant and the application process.

4. Updates:

Pop Whalen MOU is the same as what Brewster and the Town of Wolfeboro received. The committee will ask the full board to submit any

questions they have regarding the project, the use of the lockers rooms in order to gain information needed to make a decision on how to proceed. **Carpenter School Playground** has been looked at by the facilities director and the business administrator to see what items on the playground should be taken out of commission until the PTO has raised enough funds to replace the entire structure.

Fence abutting Carpenter School and Hearing Aid Store, the progress has been slow due to the labor shortage for fencing companies. The trees have been removed. The next steps are to get a fence company in to remove the fence and obtain a quote for all three property owners to decide which type of fence they'd like as a replacement.

Future Landscaping at Kingswood Regional High School, the superintendent will be reaching out to the Ag students and the principal to ask them to work with a locally known man to work with them in planning and implementing this beautification project that the board encumbered \$20,000 at the end of June 2022 to use.

5. **Other Business** There was discussion about a "Hall of Fame", a nod to athletes with plaques for the accomplishments in their sports and the Ag students could spruce up the area around the plaques that wouldn't have a cost to the taxpayers. Another topic that was noted so as not to forget, to let Barrington Power about more solar projects down the road.

6. **Next Meeting** TBD

Respectfully Submitted by,