

GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Buildings & Maintenance Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Start Time: 4:08PM

End Time: 5:25PM

Present: James Pittman, Dr. Jim Manning, Brodie Deshaies, Stefanie King, Caroline Arakelian Superintendent of Schools, Kathy O'Blenes, Business Administrator

1. ESSER III Update, the superintendent reported about the progress with Trane and the update on the cost for HVAC replacement in Crescent Lake School, Ossipee and Carpenter School, she gave some timelines as well. Mr. Pittman is invited to the next meeting with Trane representatives to review a deeper dive into the plans. The committee had questions and comments to which Mr. Pittman will be able to ask at that future meeting with Trane.
2. SAFE Grant Update, the business administrator gave a short update on the progress of the schools that were awarded funds under the SAFE Grant. The projects are in good shape, work is being done, there doesn't appear to be any issue with the timing of the work being finished by the grant deadline.
3. Other Business, the business administrator brought to the committee's attention that each year a warrant article is placed on the district's ballot for capital improvements for the district. The list continues to grow in size and money but the amount of the warrant article fluctuates between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Ms. O'Blenes stated the district has a Building And Maintenance Expendable Trust that would be appropriate to use with the growing cost to maintain our buildings. But she also suggested adding to this Trust with unreserved fund balance written as warrant article. That way there is no tax impact due to an additional appropriation.

Mr. Pittman brought up the Green Mountain Conservation committee and a short discussion ensued. The superintendent wrote a letter in support of the conservation group purchasing land that includes the Effingham elementary school well head area. The conservation group is seeking funds and requested this letter of support. The committee supported this letter unanimously.

Dr. Manning requested that changing tables be placed in the men's bathroom at the Kingswood Art Center. Currently, only the woman's room contains changing tables. He also stated that Carpenter School attempted to replace the windows about 10 years ago but the district couldn't because it's a historical building and the process could not move forward.

4. Mr. Deshaies shared with the group regarding the lighting ordinances in the town of Wolfeboro and mentioned that Carpenter's exterior lights should be evaluated for compliance.
5. Next Meeting December 7, 2023, at 4:00PM at the SAU Office

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy O'Blenes

Approved by GWRSD School Board: **11/6/2023**