

**ORR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

**November 2, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.  
Hybrid**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Frances-Feliz Kearns (remote), April Nye (remote) and Joseph Pires (remote).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools (in-person), Howard Barber, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations (in-person) and Michael Devoll, High School Principal (remote).

Meeting called to order at 12:36 p.m. by Ms. Nye.

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:**

Superintendent Nelson welcomed the subcommittee members and discussed the agenda for the meeting. He reviewed the current status of the 2022 Economic Development Bill Earmark for \$750,000 to be used for athletic facilities improvements. Currently the administration is collecting information and working to gather proposals. The money must be spent by October 31, 2026. The administration plans to have proposals and options to present to the school committee in the spring. Ms. Kearns, Ms. Nye and Mr. Pires all endorsed the administration in moving forward to create the proposal.

Superintendent Nelson next discussed the Capital Project Plan. He reminded the school committee members that the district follows the regional agreement and works through the capital stabilization fund which requires school committee approval. The current bond debt for the district is set to expire in FY25. The administration is working to bring new debt to each Town's spring meetings. Mr. Barber informed the school committee that the district is already soliciting vendors for projected costs of capital projects to determine the needs to the district financially which will be reflected in the new bond debt amount. Mr. Barber has also met with the bonding agency to discuss rates, amounts and other details of the bond. Next steps include establishing communication with the three communities.

**School Committee Feedback:**

Ms. Kearns asked the administration to provide talking points for members to share with constituents that highlight the projects. Ms. Kearns also discussed in the future creating a list to use to work with legislators from the state as the district did for the earmark funds discussed. Mr. Pires agreed that talking points would be great, and to include the reasons and benefits behind each project along with comparison to other schools in the area. Ms. Nye also agreed and would like to start promoting this soon to constituents to help when spring meetings come around. She stated the ORR facilities and grounds is a hub for the Tri-Town residents and used day and night by the school and the community. This is important information to share and support.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.  
Motion by Ms. Nye to adjourn the meeting.  
Seconded by Mr. Pires.  
Roll Call: Nye (yes); Pires (yes); Kearns (yes)  
Motion Carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Nelson".

Michael S. Nelson  
Superintendent of Schools