

**Madison BoE
Facilities Committee Meeting
December 12, 2023**

In attendance: Emily Rosenthal, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Steven Pynn, Bill McMinn, Seth Klaskin, Craig Cooke

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

New Facilities Director start date

- Peter Anderson starting January 2, 2024, will overlap with Bill until Bill's official retirement date on July 1, 2024
- Peter came from Stonington Public Schools
- Felicia staying on construction manager
- Lots of projects
- Position staffed between schools and town
- Assistant Facilities Director job will be posted for a start date after July 1

Brown School Updates

- Close to being complete - East Wing (K/1) should be done by end of this year (by January 1). Gives the space back to Brown so they
- Expanded windows make a big difference in brightening up the space, more natural light
- Might have an opportunity to tour the space in the new year
- Summer 2024 bids are due Friday 12/22 for all classroom millwork, partition off the media center, redo corridors, gym entrance, cafeteria windows, hope to have a rec for BoS in early January
- Summer 2025: Bill will meet with principal and architect – need to sort out priorities, details and funding – band room, cafeteria, playground

Polson Project Updates

- Mechanical improvements
- Auditorium
- Bathroom renovations, doors and hardware – original bathrooms from 1960s – hired Silver Petrucelli to do the work –they will come in over the winter break to review, come up with a design and plan etc
- Generation/switch gear – this is outside the referendum. Think we will be able to get a \$1m fed grant, \$500k state grant. Will still need a million plus. BL Company on board for the design. Bill thinks this is the most complicated project. Contractors recommend reducing the schedule to make the work easier and possibly less expensive. (complicated with students in the building)
- Another note: DHHS rooftop design – Silver Petrucelli hired to do the work
- The gym will be cold this year, doing everything they can to keep the gym warm

Paper Towels

- High school is the primary school that has hand dryers
- Brown school also has hand dryers – Mr. Henderson prefers hand dryers there, no complaints there, they all work, put them in bathrooms where it was easy enough to do
- High School is the primary site – bigger bathrooms have hand dryers only
- Single bathrooms at the high school have paper towels
- Diane shared that studies show paper towels are more hygienic, hand towels remove more germs. It's clear that the students at the high school want paper towels back
- We now use recycled paper towels
- What is best for the students, what do the teachers want?
- What does administration think of this? Principals? Teachers?

- Cost – will need to increase Bill’s supply line
- Yes, it is increased trash, custodians already emptying trash
- The cost is in supplies, money was there before – it’s in a supply line
- Does the board really need to vote on this?
- Steven: we’ve covered this ground
- Makes sense to honor what the students want now
- Steven’s comments – listen to students voices, consider the current situation, consider health factors
- This is a health protection choice – we can have both hand dryers and paper towels
- How can students let staff know when bathrooms are in need of attention – Bill will talk to TJ about this
- Menstrual products in all bathrooms
- Thanks to the students for sharing their voices

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- Public Comment – no

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- Adjournment at 7:25pm

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