

# GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Buildings & Maintenance Committee Meeting

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, December 7, 2023

**Start Time:** 4:32PM

**End Time:** 6:00PM

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

**Others Present:** Peter Cook, Mary Schillereff

1. Town of Wolfeboro Lighting, Peter Cook, owner of the Pickering House Inn spoke about the lighting from Carpenter School and explained how the lights on the school building are very bright and have caused customers at their Inn to complain. Mr. Cook also spoke briefly about the town lighting ordinances. Mr. Cook asked about the trees that were recently cut down between the properties and wondered if there was a plan to replace them and they would like to be involved when that happens. The Business Administration stated that based on Cook's concerns the Facilities department had placed a shield on one of the large flood lights to decrease the light illuminating onto the Pickering House Inn. The lights were also placed on a timer, the lights will come on at 4:00PM and turn off at 9:00PM every day. The trees that were cut down were diseased and were a hazard. The plan is to replant trees in the spring with help from the Lakes Region Technology Center agricultural students. Going forward we will re-evaluate if these adjustments are effective and work with our neighbors to resolve any issues.
2. ESSER III Update; still waiting on Trane for the update on the power consumption of Carpenter School. A brief discussion between the committee members and the administration took place in regards to the timing of the grant.
3. SAFE Grant Update: Work is still continuing with the projects for each of the schools. No issues with supply chain. Carpenter school had the interior vestibule installed. Next will be the access control system. The Middle School access control project is complete, the High School Bollards are in place and New Durham School is next for access control.
4. Tree Concern McManus Road: The district received a letter from McManus Road Trust Committee regarding a tree that appears dead and possible water runoff from the school's fields causing the possibility of the dead trees. The Superintendent's office investigated and had the Facilities Director and the agricultural teacher at the LRTC look at the tree in question and the issue of water runoff. The tree is not located on the school grounds and the district has a map prior to the construction of the fields that shows water run off occurred at that time. The Business Administrator drafted a letter that was verbally approved by the committee to send to the McManus Road Trust Committee as well as the Kingswood Golf Course. The dead tree in question is on their property.
5. Warrant Articles for School Ballot: The Business Administrator drafted three warrant articles for discussion. They pertain to the Turf Field, the Building and Maintenance

article for repairs and improvements to the facilities in the district and a Building and Maintenance article to be placed into the existing capital reserve trust account, using unreserved fund balance. Written this way it will not have a tax impact. Discussions took place regarding the routine two articles and the new proposed article as a small way to start putting money away, without additional taxation for larger projects/repairs for the buildings in the district. A motion by Brodie Deshaies was made for the article to be \$200,000 from unreserved fund balance. There was no motion to second this article. A motion was made by Brodie Deshaies for the article to be \$150,000 from unreserved fund balance and to list this article first, followed by the warrant article for the turf field as presented to the committee, with the Building and Maintenance warrant article, that does come from taxation, as the third article on the ballot after the operating budget warrant article per recommendation of NH Department of Revenue, will appear as the first cost item on the ballot. Motion seconded by Dr. Jim Manning. The motion was approved 4-0.

6. Other Business: The Business Administrator informed the committee that the baby changing station was ordered and arrived and would be installed in the men's bathroom at the Kingswood Art Center that next day. She also shared a letter from the Town of Wolfeboro Department of Public Works pertaining to South Main Street Water Replacement Project, for their information.
7. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 4:30PM at the SAU Office

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy O'Blenes

Approved by GWRSD School Board: **01/08/2024**