

# GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Buildings & Maintenance Committee Meeting

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, January 18, 2024

**Start Time:** 4:35PM

**End Time:** 5:37PM

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

Mr. Pittman opened the meeting at 4:35PM, the agenda was amended to include an item for discussion from Academic Affairs and another item for discussion regarding the CIP List.

1. ESSER III Update, the superintendent informed the committee that the New Hampshire Department of Education emailed her that the Conceptual Eligibility Approval of ESSER Funded Construction Project that the district submitted was approved by the USED and the NHED. A discussion followed about Trane, the project timeline, the Carpenter School and the historical status that will require an extra hurdle with approval from the NH Division of Historical Resources regarding the project. If it's not approved, we will pivot to another school for the HVAC upgrade. Trane looked at more schools initially in our district to upgrade the HVAC. This possibility of a pivot will not affect the progress of the project. We will also be requesting from the NHED an extension for this project. The extension process hasn't been released yet. Other districts will be requesting the extension as well, we will not be the only district. There is a shortage of manpower in the trades that will be working on this project. This is a pro-active approach. The superintendent also briefly commented on the plan for using the required 20% of the budget for Learning Loss. The full board will hear this presentation at the February school board meeting.
2. Other Business, the Academic Affairs committee discussed a new policy that is not required regarding energy efficiency. The committee wanted this brought up in our meeting for discussion. Stefanie King made a motion and was seconded by Brodie Deshaies to encourage the Academic Affairs Committee to consider creating a policy around energy efficiencies, strategies and priorities. This motion passed unanimously 3-0.

The Capital Improvement Project list was requested to be brought to this committee on a quarterly basis, with the understanding that this list is always a work in progress. Items that are on the top of the list could be moved to the bottom based on priority.

The business administrator informed the committee of a letter from the Town of Wolfeboro. This letter informed the district that we will need to pay fees for disposing of items at the town's dump. In the past the district was not charged and the town couldn't find any agreement in writing and therefore will start imposing the fees.

3. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 3:00PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy O'Blenes

Approved by GWRSD School Board: **2/05/2024**