

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HOUSEBUILDING/FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

251 STONEHAVEN ROAD, FALL RIVER, MA

ROOM 251 RESTAURANT

April 21, 2022

In attendance: Donald DiBiasio, Paul Jennings, Joan Menard, Elvio Ferreira, Superintendent-Director, Andrew Rebello, Assistant Superintendent-Principal, Paul Kitchen, Director of Finance and Operations, Gregory Brilhante, Legal Counsel, Helena Neves, Executive Secretary

The meeting began with a roll call at 4:30 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the March 10, 2022 minutes and approve them, as recorded.

Mr. DiBiasio provided an update on the 2022-2023 Housebuilding Project. One application has been received to date. Mr. DiBiasio drove by the carport location and feels that this may not be a possible project due to the site being too close to the road. Mr. DiBiasio recommended that the applicant inquire with the Swansea Building Department on construction requirements and building permits needed to move the project forward.

Mrs. Torres reported that she has been in contact with Mr. Michael Dion, Director of the Fall River Community Development Agency, on the possibility of a viable Housebuilding Project. Mrs. Torres will provide more information as it is received.

Dr. Ferreira reported on the Practice Fields. Dr. Ferreira reported that the estimate to complete the survey and the site development plans will cost \$9,500. Dr. Ferreira stated that the estimated cost to complete the practice fields' project could be in the \$100,000 to \$150,000 range.

Mr. Jennings expressed concern regarding the estimated cost of the practice fields' project.

Mr. DiBiasio stated that although the cost seems high, this project will benefit the District in the long run. Students will need to be transported to off campus fields as the new school is being built and the daily cost of transportation will surpass the practice fields project cost.

A recommendation to complete the surveying and the site development plan will be made to the full Committee.

Mr. DiBiasio reported on some of the current Community Projects. The owner of the garage project is very pleased with the work that has been done. Teachers and students from the different shops involved have done a great job. The Somerset Little League and Parks Department are also very happy with the work that has been done by our students.

Mrs. Torres reported that the Somerset Water Department project is moving along well and will be completed once the warmer weather allows for the work to done.

Mrs. Torres reported that the zoo themed playhouse for the Rosemary's Wish Kids program has been completed by the carpentry students. The playhouse will be unveiled on April 28, 2022 at Bryant

University. Mrs. Torres stated that the carpentry students did a really nice job and enjoyed working on the playhouse.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to adjourn the Sub-Committee meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Helena S. Neves*

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Materials Included: March 10, 2022  
22-23 House Building Program Application  
Practice Fields Update - Surveying Proposal