

**OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 7, 2024 at 1:00 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) and Howard Barber, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations (in-person).

Meeting called to order at 1:06 p.m. by Ms. Nye.

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:**

Superintendent Nelson welcomed the subcommittee members and reviewed the process for moving forward with new debt if the school committee agrees. The District is looking for a seamless transition in FY25 when the current bond ends and it would be replaced with new debt. In the coming weeks, ORR would have to vote to secure new debt and provide information to the Select Board for each Town for vote, then it would go to the ballot. This debt would need approval by all three towns. The legal counsel of the bonding firm has drafted a motion and articles that have been shared with the District's legal counsel to review. The administration is currently working with LeftField on a property assessment. There will need to be discussions around items to prioritize based on the age of the current building. The administration estimates the new debt would be in the \$12-\$15 million.

**School Committee Feedback:**

Ms. Nye inquired about the timeframe of conversations regarding a new building. Superintendent Nelson said those conversations will have to be had in future years. Mr. Pires agreed with the approach being justifiable but he would like to see plans, current costs and improvements to review which will also help him work to gain support in the community. Superintendent Nelson recommended meeting again next week to review the plan and discuss communication moving forward. Ms. Kearns agreed that she would also like to review the list and possibly meet with Mr. Barber to learn more details in order to provide that information to the constituents.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Nye to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Ms. Kearns

Roll Call: Nye (yes); Pires (yes); Kearns (yes)

Motion Carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools