

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

**October 31, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.
Remote (Zoom)**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Frances-Feliz Kearns (remote) and Joseph Pires (remote).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: April Nye

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools (remote).

Meeting called to order at 10:36 p.m. by Ms. Kearns.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

Superintendent Nelson welcomed the subcommittee members present to discuss the \$750,000 in funds advocated for by Representative Strauss earmarked for the athletic fields, which must be expended by FY2026 as part of the 2022 Economic Development Bill. He explained that next steps, with school committee support, is to put the project out for bid this week. Procurement rules and regulations are followed for the bid requesting professional engineering services for designing, planning, bid specifications and permitting for renovations to the ORRHS athletic fields. This bid will be public in the central register, the local newspaper and the district website. Superintendent Nelson reminded the school committee that going out to bid does not necessarily mean a contract will be awarded and the subcommittee will reconvene to discuss the proposals received. Superintendent Nelson shared potential ideas after collaboration with Mr. Barber (Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations), Mr. Jones (Facilities Director), Mr. Devoll (ORRHS Principal) and Mr. Carrig (ORR Athletic Director) for use of the funds including expanding irrigation systems and field restoration work.

School Committee Feedback:

Ms. Kearns and Mr. Pires supported posting the bid and reconvening to review proposals. They discussed reviewing the plan from previous years for assistance in this process. Superintendent Nelson shared that he, Mr. Barber, Mr. Jones, Mr. Devoll and Mr. Carrig had utilized this information in their discussions around these earmarked funds.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Motion by Ms. Kearns to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Mr. Pires

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

Motion Carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools