

## Facilities Committee| September 16, 2025 | LOCATION FRES

The Facilities Committee met on September 16, 2025, beginning with a walkthrough of the FRES building followed by a formal meeting. Overall, the building was found to be in very good condition, with no major issues requiring immediate attention.

**ATTENDANCE: Facilities Director:** Ben Hoffstetter, Bill Crouse (Town member), Peter Weaver and Kristie LaPlante (Administrative) **School Board/Committee:** John Zavgren (Vice Chair) Michelle Alley (Chair), Erin Collins (member) - **Building Walkthrough Highlights**

- The building is bright, clean, and well maintained.
- Minor issues noted included:
  - Warping floors in one classroom on each upper level.
  - Need for additional electrical outlets in one classroom.
  - Front cement stairs requiring repair; long-term replacement may be needed.
  - A recently discovered minor water leak in the lower level that caused ceiling tile damage and mold beneath the elevator area; remediation is underway.
- The cafeteria, kitchen, and teachers' lounge were impressively clean.
- New hallway decals added over the summer enhanced the lower-level space with color and interactive movement.

### Locker Room Renovation Discussion

The committee reviewed proposed locker room updates while maintaining ADA compliance. Planned improvements include replacing toilets, repairing sinks, removing floating lockers, adding benches, and blocking off showers.

- Estimated cost is approximately **\$10,000 per locker room**.
- Quotes include new maple-top benches but do not include cracked floor repair.
- Painting existing lockers is likely more cost-effective than relocating lockers.
- Completion before basketball season is unlikely.
- A full proposal with refined cost estimates and timelines will be presented in **October**.

## **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Review**

The committee reviewed the CIP and confirmed that funds do not expire. Projects planned or deferred to the near future include:

- Paving the road to WLC
- Bathroom sink and counter upgrades
- New rugs for the library and office
- Drop ceilings at WLC
- Replacement of the LCS boiler (pellet heating discussed; federal rebates no longer available)
- Home dugout improvements

The importance of clear communication with the public about CIP projects and continued funding was emphasized.

## **Long-Term Planning**

One-year, three-year, five-year, and long-term project planning will be discussed at the **October Strategic Planning Meeting**. Any leftover funds from the locker room project could be rolled into future years, subject to School Board approval, to reduce taxpayer burden.

## **Additional Facility Needs**

Concerns were raised about the boys' baseball field, including unsafe ground grading and a bowed fence behind home plate. The field will be added to future project considerations.

## **Next Meeting**

**Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM**