GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOUSEBUILDING/FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES
251 STONEHAVEN ROAD, FALL RIVER, MA
DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 8, 2026

In attendance: Paul Jennings of Westport, Joan Menard of Fall River and Donald DiBiasio of Somerset.

Also in attendance: Leslie Weckesser, Assistant Superintendent-Principal, Jennifer DeMariano, Assistant Principal of Technical Affairs, Gregory Brilhante, Legal Counsel and Helena Neves, Executive Secretary.

Remote Attendance: Jeffrey Cabral

The meeting began with a roll call at 5:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the October 9, 2025 minutes and approve them, as recorded.

Mr. DiBiasio deferred to Ms. DeMariano for the community projects update. Ms. DeMariano stated that the HVAC crew has completed the fall maintenance across Fall River and sending towns and are now at the Fall River Police Department installing a mini-split system in IT. Programming & Web have finished a live demo that was presented. The client is currently reviewing it and will provide feedback. Facilities Maintenance Management has finished painting the cabinets and have sent them back to Carpentry to put the doors on the cases. Only the island is left to be painted to fully complete the project. Facilities Maintenance Management are at the Somerset Water Department building new office spaces inside an existing building. HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing will be putting in heat and plumbing. Carpentry are in the process of preparing the plans and cut diagrams for the display case for the Somerset Library. They have also completed the Westport trophy case, which is now with Facilities Maintenance Management for polyurethane finishing. A new project has been received for Carpentry to design and build a set for Marquee Theater Academy in Fall River. The work will take place after school and it involves a carpentry teacher and interested students. The set will be installed onsite in March before the production.

Mr. DiBiasio stated that Mr. Begin was contacting the Swansea Town Administrator to see if they have any potential projects. Mr. DiBiasio will also be contacting the Somerset Town Administrator to inquire about any projects they may have for our students. Mrs. Weckesser noted that she emailed Mr. Begin to ask if he wanted students to design a flyer; she is waiting for his response.

Mr. DiBiasio deferred to Mr. Cabral for 25/26 the Housebuilding Program update. Mr. Cabral noted that the house is closed in. All the windows, doors, and the roof were installed prior to the break which puts the project in a good position. The installation of the interior walls is underway and expected to be done by the middle of next week. The Electrical and Plumbing teams have already begun planning and have materials on site to start work as soon as they are able to. Mr. Cabral noted that things are going well and there have not been any issues.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Helena S. Neves
Helena S. Neves, Executive Secretary

Materials Included:
October 9, 2025 minutes
Community Projects List