GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOUSEBUILDING/FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES
251 STONEHAVEN ROAD, FALL RIVER, MA
DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
APRIL 9, 2026

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

Also in attendance: Jeffrey Begin, School Committee Member, Brian Bentley, Superintendent-Director, 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 5:02 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the February 12, 2026 minutes and approve them, as recorded.

Mr. DiBiasio deferred to Ms. DeMariano for the community projects update. Ms. DeMariano stated that work is ongoing within the sending communities. The spindles for the Fall River Public Schools project are being outsourced, and the project may be pushed to next year. Wiring for HVAC units and office lights is underway at the Somerset Water Department. HVAC will test the units upon completion of the wiring. Currently, there are no projects in Swansea. Graphics has designed postcards and vehicle wraps advertising the housebuilding program.

Mr. DiBiasio stated that Mr. Begin will be contacting Swansea officials to inquire of any need for projects.

Mr. DiBiasio deferred to Mr. Cabral for 25/26 the Housebuilding Program update. Mr. Cabral noted work is progressing well. Sheet rock installation is underway. Vinyl siding is about 75% complete. The kitchen cabinets have been delivered and will be installed after school vacation. Subcontractors are scheduled to work on the propane and septic.

Mr. DiBiasio asked if the house will be finished. Mr. Cabral responded that he is confident it will be. However, the homeowners have been made aware that, if for some reason the students are not able to finish the project, they will need to complete it themselves.

Mr. DiBiasio noted that no applications have been received for the 2026–2027 Housebuilding Program.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 PM.

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

Materials Included:
February 12, 2026 minutes
Community Projects List