East Greenwich School Committee
Facilities Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 29, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: EGPS Administration Offices, 111 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI

Attendees
• Domenic Giusti
• Dr. Tom Kenworthy
• Alyson Powell
• Robert Wilmarth
• William Hangan
• Neil Marcaccio

1. Cleaning Update
Mr. Wilmarth reported that the district's annual cleaning audit is scheduled for June 9–10, 2026. Due to competing priorities and ongoing facilities projects, fewer formal inspections were conducted this year.

The district maintains an average cleaning score of 86%. Individual school scores were reviewed, with the high school remaining the lowest-performing building due to staffing challenges. Administration expects improvement as staffing stabilizes. Several other schools continue to meet or exceed district standards.

The committee noted that cleanliness concerns are reported most frequently at the high school, partly because of increased feedback from students and parents.

Audit results will be reviewed at a future meeting.

2. Cole Boiler Replacement
Mr. Wilmarth updated the committee on the Cole Middle School boiler replacement project.

The project will replace two existing condensing boilers with a single high-efficiency unit that will meet most heating demand, with remaining boilers providing support during extreme cold weather.

The project has been bid and is scheduled for School Committee award consideration. Industrial Burner was identified as the recommended contractor.

Water Heater Project Discussion
The committee reviewed the water heater project. Initially, it was expected to be funded through on-bill financing; however, that option is no longer available, requiring the district to identify an alternative funding source.

Members emphasized that the project was always intended to be funded by the district and that the issue is procedural rather than a new expense. This is a planned district expenditure, potentially using fund balance if no alternative funding sources are available.

The committee stressed the importance of clearly explaining the circumstances during School Committee discussions.

3. EGHS Ceiling
The committee discussed painting ceilings at East Greenwich High School during Summer 2026.

Ceiling appearance remains one of the most frequently cited facility concerns at the high school. Given budget constraints, the district may begin with one floor and consider additional work in future years.

Members agreed the project is primarily aesthetic but would provide a meaningful quality-of-life improvement for students and staff.

4. District Capital Priorities
Administration reviewed remaining capital projects and priorities for the estimated $700,000–$800,000 in available bond funds.

Meadowbrook School
Discussion focused on Meadowbrook School's role in expanding early childhood programming. Members noted that the school received fewer improvements during major construction projects and should remain a priority. Recent upgrades include parking and entrance improvements, interior painting, a playground, a planned security vestibule, and bathroom renovations.

Future furniture and classroom needs were also discussed in anticipation of potential pre-kindergarten expansion.

Meadowbrook Boiler Replacement
The committee strongly supported prioritizing replacement of the Meadowbrook boiler plant due to increasing maintenance concerns.

Key benefits include improved reliability, increased energy efficiency, enhanced occupant comfort, reduced maintenance demands, and completion of district-wide boiler modernization efforts.

Security Camera Projects
The committee reviewed district security camera improvements. High school installations have been completed, while additional work at Cole Middle School remains under consideration.

Administration noted that existing cameras can be repurposed for interior use, limiting costs to installation and cabling. Members discussed both contractor-led and phased in-house installation approaches and agreed that reusing existing equipment offers a cost-effective way to expand security coverage.

Adjournment
The meeting concluded following discussion of district capital priorities and future facilities planning initiatives.