

## RSU 78 Facilities Committee

February 10, 2016

Members attending: Chairman Farmer, Members Burgess and Richards

Absent: Mrs. Nuttall (excused)

Also attending: Miss. Liedl, Superintendent McIntire, Principal Brown

Call to Order: 6:06

Minutes of January 5 were approved.

### 2016-17 Budget Discussion

A number of budget items were discussed, including energy costs and any additional costs for maintenance and cleaning. Energy use data across recent years was reviewed. Additional information to inform budgeting is being prepared by Seimens.

Superintendent McIntire reported that Seimens has begun monitoring and servicing our air handlers and and system controls. These were not in the original contract. They have agreed to do so at no additional cost until July 1, when we will begin to pay for the more comprehensive service through an expanded service agreement.

A question was raised about the adequacy of the budget for furniture in the building project budget. The administration will determine how much furniture we have and need.

### Bond Information

Our bond attorney is exploring the options for breaking up our bond needs into parts in order to defer payments as much as is practical. This is being coordinated with our QZAB agency as well.

### Clerk of the Works

The architects' proposed budget included funds for a clerk of the works. Such clerks are hired by the architectural firm. Sometimes owners question whether the clerk's priorities are to support owners, or architects. An "owners rep" is an option. This individual would work for us and focus on our interests. It is unclear if we should incur this cost and where the money would come from.

### Meeting with MDOE representatives

Chairman Farmer and Finance Committee Chair Dudley will be meeting later this month with the MDOE's school construction team. The purpose of the meeting is to get their advice on how to ensure that the district gets a functional, effective building out of its bonded project. We want to do everything possible to ensure that taxpayers are not forced to spend additional money to resolve problems at the design or construction phases. Member Burgess expressed an interest in attending this meeting and will do so if his schedule permits.

#### Other

The administration has raised a concern about the condition of the gym floor. Committee members were shown some of the problems with the floor. A local wood floor expert and an outside company will be consulted to see how much longer the floor will be useable and to explore ways to extend its functional life.

Adjournment: 7:50 p.m.