



**Joint Committee Meeting of the Buildings & Grounds Committee,
Finance Committee, and HSMS Working Group**

July 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

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Attendance:

- Physical: Sherry Sousa, Superintendent; Jim Fenn, Director of Finance & Operations; Joe Rigoli, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Board members Bryce Sammel, Ben Ford, Jim Haff, Matthew Hough; HSMS Working Group member Bob Coates
- Virtual: Board members Keri Bristow, Bob Crean, Anna Sessa; Rhiannon Hutchinson; Marlena McNamee; Linda Loprete; Shayna Kalnitsky; Consulting Engineering Services- Erik Gebrian and Mike ? _____

1. Call to order - Bryce opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

2. WMHS – Immediate issues and concerns:

Joe presented his findings regarding the current needs of the MS/HS including:

- a. Existing steam system needs for winter of 2022-23
- b. Design work needed for conversion to hydronic system
- c. Summer 2023 work needed to convert to a hydronic system
- d. Long term: other building needs for the next 2-5 years.

Joe asked approval of \$75,000 for the engineering of this project. Total projected costs for the project is \$1 million. Jim Fenn added that the cost of “band aids” for the current system to make it through this winter is \$20,000. He explained the timeline so that the project can begin in the Summer of 2023. Regarding financing this project, the forced hot water univents can be covered by ESSER dollars. This is about \$200,000. The remainder will need to be locally funded.

Jim Haff asked that the parts be ordered immediately so they will be here in time. Regarding moving forward, he asked if the New Build Group was interested in Geothermal. Bryce offered that there is an assumption that the B&G budget can address the current needs. The Board conversation would be if a bond was needed to address the million dollar need. The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that we are not working in silos. The work needs to be aligned. It was noted that it will be helpful if the New Build Group could bring together all options for the Board to review.

Ben summarized last week's meeting of the New Build Group. We need to separate the two problems, current needs and what would be the power sources of a new build. Jim Haff added that it is important to understand the viability of geothermal including the boring of wells and timeline.

Bob Crean asked about the timeline for the renovation of the current heating system and

the budget development for the FY25 budget. Jim Fenn felt we would have sufficient time. Bob Crean noted that determining the energy source for the new build currently is early in the process. Bryce offered that an external building source has not been identified yet. Ben added nothing has been done regarding the selection of external systems for a new build. Members of the New Build Committee have been interested in Net Zero and have been investigating that option. No money has been spent on the engineering for an external source. Further clarification was made by CES.

Ben, as Chair of Finance, wanted to confirm that hydronics was the decision to address the heating issues of the MS/HS. He asked if we explored alternatives to the current issue besides hydronics. Are heating pumps an option for those classrooms? Jim Fenn offered that that was reviewed and would cost greater amounts of money. The primary issue is the need to change over the pipes from steam capacity to water.

3. Actions needed by the committees and board: No actions needed from the full Board as the money has already been provided in the current budget. Another meeting should be scheduled in August with these three groups to discuss energy generation including BTU for the new build.
4. Killington Elementary roofing project update, design cost, bidding and construction timeline: Jim Fenn offered that an architect is addressing the roof issues at KES. The bid will go out in the fall. The cost is estimated at \$2 million. The schedule for the bid is January/February. This project will include a new roof and additional insulation inside the building.

Bond funding for both of these projects could be put together with different schedules for each project which would lower the annual impact.

5. New building options discussion:
 - a. Options developed so far and alternatives considered/to be considered
 - b. Actions taken to date
 - c. Solar panels in existing parking lot now?
 - d. Associated costs
 - e. Timelines for decision making/urgency

Ben felt that a meeting in August would be a better time to discuss these items. Jim Fenn will be exploring some solar options for the current and future buildings. Bryce recommended that the New Building options be discussed in the August meeting.

6. Any further information needed to make a decision: The group discussed a Capital Review account.
7. Actions needed and when
8. Public Input
9. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Bob and Matt seconded it.