

Building Committee Minutes January 11, 2017

Members Present: Chad Stratton, Jason Scholton, Fred Hickey, Bill MacDonald, Jennifer Watson

Others Present: Mike Hammer, Superintendent, Licia Goodridge, Facilities Manager, Eric Stitham, Robin McNeil, Dean Cray, Shelda Madigan

Public Comment ~ None

Transportation ~

Dean spoke about the condition of the vehicles, busses and vans. Shelda informed the committee about Transfinder and will be attending a refresher to get the program up to date. Mr Hammer will make sure that it's placed on a priority list for technology, once information is available. This will be helpful in discussing routing and school choice for students.

Alternative Education future location ~

The committee toured the current Nokomis High technology spaces, print shop and industrial shop area. There was discussion about the future location of Alternative Education and the Superintendent's office. What is the enrollment of Alt. Ed at this time? Mike will speak to Jeff G. We will revisit this conversation once we have more information from Oak Point Associates and Scott Brown of the Department of Education.

Underground Fuel Tank Corinna ~

Underground Fuel Tanks ~ Gaftek began the repair of the tank in Corinna and found a crack in the containment jacket that surrounds the fuel tank. The Department of Environmental Protection was notified and is working with the RSU. Licia is gathering options for a replacement tank and will present them to the committee. We are able to use the existing tank through this heating season as long as we monitor it for leaks.

Sebasticook Conversion ~

Chad isn't comfortable with the projections of enrollment for the future elementary grade levels. The Transportation department will assist in guiding the committee to help with transportation costs. The goal of the consolidation efforts will be to keep the ride to school as short as it can be, for all students. There will be a focus eliminating duplication of trips by busses traveling the same routes. We will be mindful of costs of transportation as well. The committee will continue to work on the projected enrollment issue and will be expecting frequent progress reports from the superintendent until this issue is resolved.

Other ~

Determinations need to be made on what students will attend what schools by looking at all data.

Dean is requesting that the Transportation committee look at our walking policy. Many students are riding that could be walking. Many parents are picking up students +/- 100 at Newport Elementary.

Will Alternative Education be offered to Middle School students in the future?

How do we get information out to the public? Flyers and posters in schools seem to work.

Next meeting is February 8th, 6:30 at Somerset Valley Middle School.

Respectfully submitted,

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