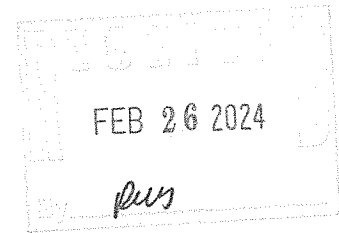


REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2024

Facilities Committee



1. Call to Order The Facilities Committee meeting held via teleconference was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Emily Cole.

Members present: Jannelle Carroll, Bill Davenport, and Jennifer Munson. Also present: Chris Leone, Superintendent, Emily Cole, John Morosani, Alexandria Papp, Christine Laurentano, Tiffany Parkhouse, Krista Rizzo, Matt Terzian, and Deanna Marchand, Region 20 Project Coordinator.

2. Athletic Uniforms

Mr. Leone, with the support of Deanna Marchand, did a walk-through presentation of the following athletic uniforms: Field Hockey, Golf, Indoor Track, Soccer, Volleyball, and Cross Country. Next steps will be to share these concepts with members of each team, get feedback, and final approval from the students. It is anticipated uniform selection will go before the Board for approval in March.

3. Ropes Course

Mr. Leone presented the Ropes Course proposal to potentially be included in the Capital Plan. This project would be housed at Arethusa Farm for ASTE student use and for Physical Education classes. Mr. Leone added this project also has the potential to be a revenue source for non district use. Discussion ensued that included costs, liability risk/insurance, and training and staff supervision during use.

Jannelle Carroll made a motion to include the Ropes Course contingent with the district getting 50% grant funding in the Capital Plan. Bill Davenport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Pool Update

Mr. Leone shared that he recently held a productive meeting with parents and community members spearheading the pool project. Discussion included an initial first step for the group to form a nonprofit board. This would be similar to The Plum Hill and Arethusa models and set up a 501c3 as a nonprofit to solicit grants and donations. At the next meeting, the group is planning to discuss potential locations for a pool. The goal is for a community-based pool that would require a referendum and bonding. Mr. Leone did want to publicly thank Dan Morosani from Litchfield who has been very active on this project and also thank the Selectmen/woman who have been willing to have a conversation. Once the nonprofit status is established the group can look to what is feasible. Meetings are expected to be held on the first Tuesday of each month and Mr. Leone will provide status updates at the Facilities Committee meetings as things further develop.

5. Adjourn There being no further business to come before this committee the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem