

RUTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
September 29, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Erin Shimp
Ann Dages
Brittany Cavacas

Also Present:

Director Glenn Scott
Superintendent Bill Olsen
Assistant Superintendent Rob Bliss
CFO Ted Plemenos
Director Scott Corbett
Principal Susanne Engels
Assistant Principal Meaghan Marsh

Commissioner Shimp called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Agenda approved by consensus. There being no member of the public in attendance, no one offered public comment.

The Committee heard from the three building administrators present about an offer from Green Mountain Power to supply three of the District's school buildings with artwork by the local mural artist Kathryn Wiegers. Administrators Corbett, Engels, and Marsh presented on the benefits of mural art aesthetically; as an inspiration to students; as a connection to each school's mission; as a means to further build positive climate; and as a way to connect the schools to the greater mural movement in Rutland. Ms. Weigers will apply the murals upon approval from the administration and the Committee. The Committee approved the project by consensus.

Glenn Scott shared information on the Vermont Green Schools Initiative. This is a stormwater management plan related to Three Acre Permit Rule is a Storm Water Management regulation (March 2019). 3 acres or more of paved or developed surfaces must be treated and/or contained. The State has provided schools a grant for assistance to meet this requirement. Greenprint Partners is the project manager – selected by the VT-DEC. The Goals include 1) Achieve compliance with the “three-acre general permit” rule. 2) Provide public schools with funding and technical assistance 3) Educational opportunities with on-site green stormwater practices. The district schools Impacted include: High School-Middle, Intermediate School, and Northeast. After notice of intent to proceed schools have 18 months to complete assessment. The first phase is fully funded through a State grant program (Sept 2021- Sept 2022) It includes contracting with an engineering firm to provide Engineering Feasibility Analysis. The state preference is for treatment on site. Examples include: Detention pond, trench, swale to direct water toward permeable area. Phase 2- Not currently funded by the State. Construction- 5 years to complete. After construction- Operations and Maintenance will include: Annual Inspection & Maintenance and 5-year recertification. Commissioner Shimp recommended reviewing past information from Micheal Derevjanik- since some of this may have been explored.

Glenn Scott shared information VT State ACT 74 (2021) which requires testing of all schools for Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) for any construction or renovation between 1950-1979. PCBs are found in caulk, glues, plastics, and light ballasts. Every school- except High School- was built prior to 1979. All PCB ballasts were removed in 2010 during JCI Phase 3 LED lighting project. Next Steps will include: 1) Assess schools age and renovations through survey- (completed) 2) Guidance on indoor air sample testing process is coming soon- *funded by the state. If concentrations above applicable levels are found- VT-DEC to provide guidance for determining

source (funding is not currently available for remediation) 3) Communication to be sent to families and staff prior to testing.

Glenn Scott shared an update on facilities projects related to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) ESSER. Facilities items are included in the Goals and Strategy 4: Safe and Healthy Schools- as Abby Brodowski and Rob Bliss shared at Board Meeting 10/28/21. Meeting. Improve school infrastructure to align with needs assessment, capital planning, and building goals. Underway Reviewing projects per ESSER definitions 1) Improve indoor air quality 2) Reduce risk of transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards 3) Other activities that are necessary to maintain operation and continuity of services. The district will review facility condition assessments, seek principals and stakeholder feedback, and seek meaningful engagement feedback. Projects being considered currently include: Carpet replacement- (district) Outdoor classroom spaces, Asbestos remediation, elevator upgrades, ADA assessments, HVAC replacements, and address water infiltration at Allen Street.

Fall Projects were reviewed with the Committee by Glenn Scott. They include: tree trimming or removal at Allen St, Keefe gym, Playground repairs at RIS, at RMS we are working on curb appeal and better signage at the front entrance and benches are being considered.

Commissioner Shimp made a motion to adjourn; passed by consensus of the Committee at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Glenn Scott, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Maintenance