

## Regional School District 12

### Board of Education

#### Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 25, 2016

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Shepaug Valley School, Washington Depot, CT

**Committee Members Present:** Gregory Cava, Chairman; Rebecca Devine, Jennifer Pote, Peter Tagley, Sydney Worobel

**Staff Members Present:** Patricia Cosentino, Ed.D., Superintendent; Robert Giesen, Director of Finance and Operations; Donald O'Leary, Director of Facilities, Kimberly Gallo, SVS Principal.

**Guests.** Charles Boos, principal in Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc.

1. **Call to Order.** The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:15.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Adoption of the minutes of November 30, 2015 was moved by Ms. Devine; seconded by Mr. Tagley and unanimously approved.
3. **Update on Elementary School Repairs and Repair Fund.** Mr. O'Leary met with the Selectmen of Bridgewater, Roxbury, and Washington at Washington Primary School on \_\_\_, 2015. The Selectmen indicated that they did not want to tour the facilities, rather they were satisfied with the attention being paid to the buildings, felt the Region understood and was in the best position to address priorities, and did not want a fixed list that might interfere with our ability to address needs as they arise. Accordingly, no items were added to the list, and Mr. O'Leary is to address priorities as he and the Facilities Committee sees fit going forward for the next year.
4. **Shepaug Mall Project.** The committee had a general discussion of the mall project and the need for all additions or further alterations of the mall to coordinate with the Director of Facilities. The Committee then adjourned to view a presentation by SVS Senior Colin Decker proposing a project to supply a living wall to be constructed at the site of the existing bulletin board outside the media center. Mr. Decker was accompanied by his father, Decker principal and owner of \_\_\_ a Waterbury-based business providing living decoration primarily to corporate and institutional facilities. The living wall would consist of 270 plants arranged in a wall-hanging system that the principal has indicated would be cared for by an environmental science class which would be responsible under the supervision of their teacher to water, dust, maintain and as necessary replace plants. The expected replacement is about 5% annually which would mean 14 plants at \$8/plant for an expected annual cost of \$112. The installation is expected to take four hours. The plants require more light than our mall has and the proposal includes the installation of a series of track lights using LED bulbs. Ms. Worobel moved we approve the

project subject to it being coordinated with the Director of Facilities, Ms. Devine seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

5. **Shepaug Agriscience Project Update.** Mr. O'Leary reported that he is starting to work through some of the preliminary work that is required to move the project along including preparation for site work. The first thing he requires is a new boundary survey. He is working with the surveyor who has prepared the baseline survey for the school to identify what is required for regulatory approvals and the construction project.

6. **Building Committee for Shepaug Agriscience.** Mr. Cava reported that he has worked with the selectmen to identify one citizen from each town to serve on the Building Committee along with three Board of Education Members. The Building Committee being recommended to Mr. Hirschfield is: Alex McNaughton from Bridgewater, John Kuck from Washington, and FRank Lasky from Roxbury, Sydney Worobel, Rebecca Devine, and Gregory J. Cava of the Board of Education.

7. **Budget Discussion.** Due to the lateness of the hour, the budget discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

8. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned by consent at 7:00 PM.