School Board Committee: Capital Facilities

Date: June 10, 2013

Committee members present: Tara Reardon, Chair, Nick Metalious, Bill Glahn, Tom Croteau

Other Board member/s present: Clint Cogswell, Oliver Spencer, Kass Ardinger

Administration: Matt Cashman, John Forrest, Travis Campbell, Head Custodian

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Beaver Meadow School. The agenda was a tour of BMS and a review of the Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Cashman opened the meeting by handing out information sheets, the 5- to 10-year capital improvement plan, and reduced-size blueprint layouts of Beaver Meadow School. The layouts of the building and site were colored both blue and yellow. Yellow indicated areas planned for replacement within the next ten years, and blue were areas whose life cycle should extend beyond ten years.

The discussion included questions about building efficiency and the insulation characteristics of BMS compared to that of the newly-built schools. The upgrades from the NORESCO project were mentioned, including the boiler and fuel source upgrade which transitioned from oil to natural gas in 2008. Lighting sensors were also discussed as they related to increased energy efficiency.

The group toured hallways, classrooms and common spaces, assessing their condition; specifically carpets, tiles and plumbing upgrades on the capital improvement plan. Areas the committee observed included plumbing fixtures, carpeted and tiled areas, the roof area above the gym and the overall site.

The condition of both concrete sidewalks and the paved areas of the road and parking lots showed signs of cracking, breaking, lifting and erosion. Patches of the compromised areas have been repaired, but the long-term plan for the site includes repaving and replacing the concrete entry and walkways. The Committee discussed the need to re-grade several sloped areas to divert water back to storm drains as part of the site improvements.

The Committee adjourned at 6:23 p.m. (motioned by Mr. Metalious; seconded by Mr. Oliver.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Reardon, Chair
Matt Cashman, Recorder