

FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES JUNE 10, 2015

Attendance: Deirdre d'Albertis, Mark Fleischhauer, Lisa Rosenthal, Sheldon Tieder, Tom Burnell, Joe Phelan.

Tom updated members of the committee on preparations for the upcoming **Building Condition Survey**: Tetra Tech has been engaged to visit our campuses and complete the BCS in July. The survey will cost .09 per square foot. There may be additional costs for a roof scan; Sheldon and Tom confirmed that this additional expense is aidable. The contract is defined as a service and the cost will fall below the designated 20K threshold. For this reason, the board is being informed of (rather than being asked to approve) the expense.

Sheldon outlined **summer projects**. He is waiting for the green light on the BMS Tech Lab project. Sheldon would work closely with Steve Jensen in developing the plan for this space. The district will need to replace a 2007 BMS/RHS water heater that has reached the end of its useful life. Some boiler work may be needed. The group talked about the state of asbestos tile flooring in the buildings. Perhaps there could be funds available in the capital fund (approx. 100K remaining) to address this last ongoing maintenance concern, but there are clear restrictions on the circumstances under which these monies might be accessed.

Looking forward, the group discussed a revised draft timeline prepared by the firm of Bernard Donegan for a **potential referendum**. *IF we wish to pursue this rather brisk timeline—with a goal of scheduling the vote for **October 2016**—the full board will need to commit soon to the endeavor.* It would only be appropriate to identify such a capital project as one of the board's goals for 2015-16. This would be a much smaller project (3-4 million) than the one completed in RCSD ten years ago. The goal would be to maintain our current facilities, not expand them. At the same time, the process would be similar in many ways to the one that unfolded around the previous referendum. Plenty of time and input from community stakeholders is crucial to building support for capital projects. Completing the BCS is an important first step; then Sheldon, Tom, and Joe will enter into a fact-finding phase informally with consultants prior to more concrete discussions beginning in the fall. Ideally, an architect should be identified by late fall or winter of this year.

Tom shared updated information about the estimated local share of existing and future building debt (see attached).

Members of the committee are open to meeting again in July/August to maintain momentum going forward. Joe passed along a NYSSBA article on composting shared by fellow board member Laura Schulkind.

Agenda for next meeting:

BCS update and Project Manager consultation.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre d'Albertis