

**RHINEBECK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT/FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting of November 22, 2016**

**Present:** Mark Fleischhauer, Deirdre d'Albertis (by phone), Lisa Rosenthal, Joe Phelan, Tom Burnell, Sheldon Tieder.

**Agenda:** (1) The Committee received a report on the status of the proposed capital project; and (2) the Committee discussed the status of the state-mandated lead contamination testing of the district's water.

A. **Capital Project Update:** The administration reported to the Committee on where the proposed capital project presently stands. The first facilities walk-through on Saturday, November 19, 2016, was attended by three community members, as well as by Mark and the administrators. A thorough tour was conducted inside and outside of both buildings. The questions asked were mainly in the nature of requests for clarification, rather than expressions of objection. None of the community members who attended this tour objected to the project or any of its facets. The second walk-through scheduled for Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, was not held because no community members showed up. The "Ask the District" page on the district's website has garnered several questions and comments regarding the project, including one that resulted in the addition of a new entry in the project FAQ on the website. Garrett Hamlin, the lead architect, has prepared a PowerPoint for the public information presentations to be given at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> sessions. The administration plans to post a link to one of those presentations on the website, for community members who may be interested in receiving information but are not able to attend either presentation.

B. **Water Testing Status:** Sheldon reported that he is waiting for the results of the testing that was done at BMS and RHS, due about the beginning of December. [Note: the results were received after the date of this meeting, and identified only 3 points where lead levels above the mandated level were found: two were at hand washing sinks in the women's restroom near the auditorium, and one was at a pot washing station in the RHS kitchen. Remedial action to decommission and replace those fixtures has already been implemented, and retesting is underway.] At CLS, the affected faucet in room 124 has been replaced, as has the faucet in the affected staff bathroom (and a sign directing that the faucet is not to be used for drinking will be put in place). Sheldon located a link to a government website (<https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/tips/water.htm>) providing information confirming his and the Committee's understanding that lead-contaminated water only poses a hazard if it is ingested, not if it is used for hand washing. The Q/A from the website is as follows: "If my water has high lead levels, is it safe to take a bath or shower? Yes. Bathing and showering should be safe for you and your children, even if the water contains lead over EPA's action level. Human skin does not absorb lead in water."

**Next Meeting: December 20, 2016 at 1 P.M.**

Dated: December 1, 2016

Respectfully submitted: Lisa Rosenthal