

RSU13 Facilities Task Force Committee Meeting – March 12th, 2024

Attendees: McDonald, Hunt, Sylvester, Saucier, Jones, Coster, Weinand,

Facilities Update (Sylvester)

RSU13 is waiting for firm numbers from the contractor regarding the remodeling of South School in readiness kindergarten expansion, life studies and the Central Office migration (from McLean Building). Electrical upgrades are estimated at \$29K. The overall cost of upgrades will come out of normal budget unless we can realize upfront funds from the proposed energy efficiency program (below).

OMS upgrade for ADA compliance and renovation of the bathrooms is proceeding, cost is supported by SRRF funds.

TGS bathroom ADA upgrades can potentially be done this summer with SRRF funds “saved” by foregoing replacement of the stage lift.

Superintendent has met with the TGS staff members to discuss the TGS upgrade project; their involvement critical to its success.

Superintendent advised that Kindergarten addition at TGS will happen this summer, in advance of the new school year.

Modulars (Sylvester)

High School excavation and regrading now in process. CMP easement application submitted. City of Rockland supportive of grading plans.

Energy Efficiency Initiative

RSU13 will down-select EPC partner in March to authorize the district wide assessment. Contracted future efficiencies, if identified, may fund South School remodeling activity this summer.

Graphics Initiative

Oceanside Boosters are running with this project.

Southside Playground and Outdoor Learning Initiative

Superintendent committed to present a timeline and proposals for addressing SS site-needs (drainage and icing) by the next Facilities task force meeting.

Katrina Saucier gave a quick update on the working group, and the Facilities Task Force agreed to hear the public/private collaborative proposals at the next meeting.

Federal Earmarks

Steffany Tribou (Assistant Superintendent) has made super progress engaging with staff in the offices of Senators Collins and King, and US Rep Pingree, with a view to submitting a request for Federal Earmarks in FY25.

FY25 Budget Input

RSU13 Business Manager is finalizing proposals for FY25 funds needed to progress Capital Investment Program activities, including groundwork for the proposed TGS upgrades.

Funding Our Future (FOF)

Dan Bookham, Chairman of Funding Our Future 501(c)3, met with RSU13 Superintendent. FOF's mission is to raise funds in support of RSU13, with focus on upgrading the Performing Arts Center and the School Sports Complex. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that FOF's process, organization and goals are aligned with RSU13 BEFORE FOF starts the dialog with private donors. The Superintendent expressed support for the FOF initiative. Coster will accept an invitation to join the FOF Board, subject to approval by the Superintendent and Chairman of the RSU13 Board.

The RSU13 Board is committed to all our students and staff in pursuit of academic, social and emotional learning goals, cognizant of the need to foster diversity, equity and inclusion in a safe and nurturing environment.