

## **RSU13 Facilities Task Force Committee Meeting – January 9th, 2024**

Attendees: Coster, Weinand Andrews, Hunt, McDonald, Sylvester

### **Facilities Update (Sylvester)**

- Deployment of modulars in Thomaston is proceeding to plan.
- Siemens will be invited to produce an engineering report and recommendations regarding TGS
- Solar company, Sun Dog, has been invited to evaluate solar deployment opportunities at RSU13, TGS (post renovation) and Ashpoint.
- Broken steam pipe at Central Office underscores the risks associated with continued use of the McLean building.

### **Graphics**

- Oceanside Boosters presented a package of graphics proposals for the High School, which received support of the Committee (skull & bones aside)
- Deemed feasible from a budgetary perspective given Boosters' support of the initiative.
- The Superintendent will seek input from OHS Principal and staff.
- Agreed also that the Mariner's Compass Rose be deployed in the RSU13 Board Room

### **TGS-SRRF Proposal (Hunt)**

- RSU13 to submit RGS-specific SRRF request to the Maine DoE in July 2024, with expectations of a go/no-go decision in November 2024, which could mean funds come available by July 2025.
- RSU13 Budget should assume therefore additional cost associated with principal repayments (no interest) in forecasting next year's debt financing requirements. Working assumption is that this low-cost source of funding should have modest impact on overall budget, and need not be tapped at all, if circumstances are unfavorable.

### **Congressionally Directed Spending Application (Federal Earmarks)**

- The Superintendent will look to a second application, with focus on convincing Susan Collins' and Chellie Pingree's teams to support the request.

### **Central Office**

- Risks associated with this building are considered elevated, and the Board supports RSU13's plans to vacate the McLean building as soon as Modular Deployment project permits.
- Current plans are RSU13 IT to relocate in April 2024, for Special Ed Admin to move in the fall of 2024, and Admin to move to OHS modulars in early 2025.

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