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SHAWSHOEN VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Facilities/Capital Planning Subcommittee Meeting

Minutes

March 13, 2023

The Facilities/Capital Planning Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair O'Donnell at 6:06 p.m. with the following members present: Messrs. Fiore and Moffatt. Ms. Bartolone was absent. Also in attendance was Mr. Tony McIntosh, Superintendent-Director.

Motion made by Mr. Fiore, seconded by Mr. Moffatt, to approve the Minutes of December 6, 2022 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Donnell asked Superintendent McIntosh to discuss changes he made to the Statement of Interest (SOI) to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) that was submitted in April of 2022.

Mr. McIntosh explained to the Subcommittee that he used last year's SOI as a jumping-off point for his version that will be submitted before the deadline of mid-April. He felt that the SOI submitted last year was a good representation of where we currently stand and did not make a lot of substantive changes. He focused on programs that could be expanded or new programs that could be created with a larger facility and stressed that we are currently over-crowded and bursting at the seams. Mr. O'Donnell felt that we needed to try this at least one more time before looking into the accelerated repair program.

Motion made by Mr. Fiore, seconded by Mr. Moffatt, to bring the Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority forward to the full Committee at its meeting on March 21 for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion turned to the possibility of having an outside vendor come in to do an in-depth study and to re-write the SOI with an emphasis on the findings if we are denied again this year. Mr. McIntosh talked about creating a stabilization fund where money each year would be deposited for potential future funding of these studies.

Mr. O'Donnell asked if there were any other capital facilities issues that needed to be addressed at this time. Mr. McIntosh talked about the potential for roof top units that may need to be replaced which may take precedence. They will need to discuss strategies to keep the building functional for as many as ten years without a new building being awarded.

Motion made by Mr. Fiore, seconded by Mr. Moffatt, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Faiola
Recording Secretary

Brian O'Donnell
Chair, Facilities/Capital Planning
Subcommittee