

Minutes- RSU 13 – Facilities and Transportation Committee February 4, 2013

	Committee		Committee		Visitors
P	George Emery, Chair	P	Scott Vaitones		
	Arvilla Collins	E	Scott Hall		
P	Christine Curtis	E	Todd Johnston		
P	William Pearce				
P	Present	A	Absent	E	Excused

Minutes:

1. Budget priorities for FY14
 - a. Building safety: The proposed budget will include items to address better security at the entries of the buildings and proposed video surveillance in some areas
 - b. The Transportation budget will include the cost of two new buses for next year. However, it may be more important to replace three of the vans and that decision can be made this summer.
 - c. Energy efficiencies - tabled

2. What is the data we need to start gathering to evaluate school efficiencies? We need to look at the total square footage and the building cost based on a per square foot and on a per pupil cost.

3. Discussed ongoing shortage of drivers and custodians. Scott Vaitones reviewed the excessive absences and the fact that it takes about 4 months to train a driver and get them through the CDL license process. He noted that he has started running ads in a broader reach of newspapers and is offering a higher rate of pay.

4. Reviewed the recommended maintenance items to be bonded this spring. Neither Scott Hall nor Scott Vaitones have any suggested changes to the list. However, the roofing project slated for the St. George School is an issue with some Board members with the pending withdrawal vote. This item will be placed on the March School Board agenda for discussion and direction.

Question: Will we be proposing a bond issue for next year to help tackle other needs? We will look at that as an option as we bring the budget together.

5. Update: Committee Homework report: The Committee has no new information to add in regards to their review of previous building studies.

6. Update: "The Burner Booster". The salesman has not reappeared and the references that were left were not usable.
7. Update: The development of a 5 year maintenance plan.
Scott Hall and Steven Sylvester have been building the plan and have the west side in a near completed draft.
8. Update: On the Energy audit. Scott Vaitones has just received the proposal from Kris Anderson and it is within the budgeted amount and includes a great afterschool component for interested high school students.
9. Other business
A Committee member noted that he heard that Pen Bay is putting in a large biomass boiler in that will have a 3 year payback.

It appears natural gas may be the strongest option in the next 3 to 5 years.

Adjourned 6:45 PM