

**Minutes - RSU 13 – Facilities and Transportation Committee
June 3, 2014**

	Committee		Committee		Visitors
P	George Emery, Chair	P	Scott Vaitones		
E	Marla McGeady	P	Scott Hall		
P	Christine Curtis	P	Todd Johnston		
E	Steve Roberts	P	Tess Kilgour		
P	Present	A	Absent	E	Excused

Agenda & Minutes

1. From a Facilities point, what are the steps needed to move the 9th Grade to Oceanside High School – Fall of 2015?
2. From a Facilities point, what are the steps needed to consolidate grades 6, 7 & 8 – Fall of 2015?
3. Do we want an outside consultant to do any specific building assessments?
4. Other Business

Todd Johnston reported on Transportation including cost of adding seatbelts if a bus was to be used for a Pre-K program. The cost is roughly \$14,000 to \$15,000 per bus.

Many districts with Pre-K require the parents to transport their child.

Does the State pay an additional amount toward seatbelts? Not sure.

Scott Hall expressed concerns over leadership this summer. Not having a Superintendent or Business Manager to help problem solve.

Tess noted that it would be a summer of transitions and fortunately there are not many maintenance projects this summer.

Tess asked how we get the staff in the schools to have an open mind about best options. Especially the Lura Libby staff to look at the potential of moving to Thomaston Grammar School.

George said this is what the ad hoc facilities committee is looking at.

George expressed concern that almost no conversation in the past two years has discussed educational needs only cutting dollars. Need to talk about education.

The discussion of merger seems to only come up each year a few weeks before the

budget. The discussions need to be much earlier and much broader in who is part of the discussions.

Do we know if there is resistance to moving from the Lura Libby staff?

How do we know what facilities we need until St. George votes?

We need to plan on St. George staying.

A new schedule model is planned for Oceanside High School-East next year including 3 lunch periods.

How many students would be added at OHS-E with the addition of the 9th grade?

About 125 students.

How do we deal with the additional students at OHS-E?

Add a freshman wing to OHS-E

Retiring debt in the next couple of years. This may be a good time to look at a construction project.

One thought: Make RDMS the grades 9 -12 Math and Science and OHS-E the grades 9-12 Humanities. Students would stay at a building all day.

The evaluation team said 9-12 needs to all be in one building.

Ask the staff at OHS-E what they feel they need for space and how would they implement adding the 9th grade.

The OHS-W teachers were surveyed last year and feel the grades 8-9 configuration works.

Need to design a new survey for staff about what they feel is needed to make the 9- 12 configurations happen.

Current 9th graders do not feel part of a campus.

When the High School staff was asked last year what do they need most, the overall answer was more staff development.

Does Many Flags have funds that could help fund a study of building needs at OHS-E?

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